

8-page
GREEN SPECIAL

Issue 172

17 June 1995

CBW

Coach and Bus Week

The PSV industry's news weekly



FUNDAMENTALLY FLAWED
Wheelchair access may
not be answer **Page 12**



SMOKE TEST WARNING
Tighter standards from
September **Page 16**



FUEL FOR THE FUTURE
Volvo gas buses in
Swedish action **Page 28**



ANNIVERSARY PURCHASE
R&I's deals in Darts for
London service **Page 33**

RECONDITIONED EQUIPMENT at UNDER HALF THE COST of NEW!

ALL BACKED BY CONTRACT MAINTENANCE FINANCE & PLANNING FACILITIES

- Commercial Vehicle Lifts
- Tachograph Testers
- Lube and Air Installations
- Mobile Column Lifts
- Brake Testers
- Workshop Equipment



MOBILE COLUMN
LIFT RE-BUILDS
COLLECTION &
DELIVERY
SEVEN DAY U.K.
SERVICE

**TEL: 0117 9862449
FAX: 0117 9862449**

RECO

THE COMPLETE SERVICE TO TRUCK COACH & BUS OPERATORS

BRINGING
YOU THE BEST
IN QUALITY
NEW & USED
COACHES

MOSELEY

MOSELEY (PCV) LTD
ASKERN ROAD,
CARCROFT,
DONCASTER DN6 8DE
Tel: 01302 330600
Fax: 01302 330606

PARTS STOCKISTS:
BOVA, VAN HOOL
TOYOTA OPTIMO

1992 VOLVO B10M VAN HOOL ALIZEE-H 12M

52 recliners, grey/red moquette, floor mounted toilet at o/s rear, continental door, double glazed tinted side windows with sun blinds, courier seat, wired TV/video, power entrance door, finished white/red/green.
M.O.T. MARCH 1996

1990 (August) DAF DKFL CAETANO ALGARVE 12M

49/53 recliners, brown/orange moquette, centre sunken demountable toilet, continental door, courier seat, tinted side windows, curtains, Webasto, water boiler, coolbox, wired TV/video, finished all white.
M.O.T. APRIL 1996

1990 (October) TOYOTA CAETANO OPTIMO

18 recliners, grey/red moquette, courier seat, curtains, power entrance door, finished white.
M.O.T. AUGUST 1995

1990 BOVA FUTURA FHD 12.290 INTEGRAL 12M

51 seats, beige/orange moquette, centre sunken toilet, continental door, double glazed tinted side windows, curtains, courier seat, water boiler, coolbox, wired TV/video, power entrance door, finished blue/white.
M.O.T. DECEMBER 1995

1989 (August) VOLVO B10MT (Tandem) VAN HOOL ALIZEE-SH 12M

49 recliners, red/orange moquette, sunken toilet o/s rear, continental door, driver's sleeping berth, double glazed tinted side windows, curtains, courier seat, Webasto, drinks machine, fridge, wired TV/video, power entrance door, finished black/red/gold.
M.O.T. MARCH 1996

1989 (October) DAF DKFL VAN HOOL ALIZEE-H 12M

51 recliners, beige/brown/orange moquette, courier seat, centre sunken toilet, continental door, double glazed tinted side windows, curtains, water boiler, power entrance door, TELMA retarder, wired TV/video, finished white/green/red.
M.O.T. MARCH 1996

1989 (August) LEYLAND TIGER 260 DUPLE 320 12M

53 recliners, brown/orange moquette, pull-down blinds, power entrance door, TELMA retarder, chassis autolube, finished all white.
M.O.T. SEPTEMBER 1995

NEW

IMMEDIATE
AVAILABILITY

* TOYOTA
OPTIMO III's

* BOVA FUTURA
"CLUB" FLD 12.270
INTEGRAL
EX DEMONSTRATOR

* BOVA FUTURA FHD
12.330 INTEGRAL

1989 BOVA FUTURA FHD 12.290 INTEGRAL 12M

51/55 seats, red/grey moquette, centre sunken demountable toilet, continental door, double glazed tinted side windows, curtains, courier seat, power entrance door, finished all white.
M.O.T. APRIL 1996

1989 VOLVO B10M PLAXTON PARAMOUNT 3200 12M

53 recliners, red/grey moquette, tinted side windows, curtains, power entrance door, finished all cream.
M.O.T. JANUARY 1996

1988 (September) SCANIA K112 PLAXTON PARAMOUNT 3500 12M

51/55 recliners, grey/orange/red moquette, centre sunken toilet, continental door, courier seat, double glazed tinted side windows, curtains, TELMA retarder, TV/Video, drinks machine, power operated entrance door, coach wash facility, finished green/white.
M.O.T. MARCH 1996

1988 (August) DENNIS LUTON DUPLAX 12M

57 seats, red/grey moquette, tinted side windows, curtains, power entrance door, finished white/gold/brown.
M.O.T. MARCH 1996

1987 VOLVO B10M PLAXTON PARAMOUNT 3500 12M

49 recliners, grey/red moquette, courier seat, tinted side windows, curtains, drinks machine, TELMA retarder, power operated door, finished white.
M.O.T. MARCH 1996

1987 BEDFORD YNF PLAXTON PARAMOUNT 3500 12M

53 seats, red/grey moquette, tinted side windows, curtains, power entrance door, finished white/gold/brown.
M.O.T. MAY 1996

1986 DAF DKFL JONCKHEERE JUBILEE P50 12M

49 recliners, brown moquette, rear o/s sunken toilet, continental door, double glazed tinted side windows with pull-down blinds, drinks machine, courier seat, power entrance door, finished all white.
M.O.T. AUGUST 1995

1981 (September) BEDFORD YNT PLAXTON SUPREME IV EXPRESS

53 seats, red moquette, finished all white.
M.O.T. AUGUST 1995

1981 LEYLAND LEOPARD DUPLE DOMINANT IV EXPRESS 11M

53 seats, Autumn tint moquette, Bristol dome, power operated entrance doors, semi-automatic gearbox, finished yellow/white.
M.O.T. AUGUST 1995

CBW

Coach and Bus Week

The PSV industry's news weekly

WE should all, as taxpayers, be grateful that cash-strapped councils are trying to save money on essential services. But we need not tolerate corner-cutting where it has implications which go beyond that simple aim.

Calderdale Social Services may well have acted in good faith when awarding previously tendered contracts to its own operator, Calderdale Transport Services. But has it really got better value, or has it merely traded down to the next best thing?

The 'gang of four' operators led by Neil Walsh have, after all, got a point when they pointed out that CTS's minibuses get fewer safety checks, its drivers are less well-trained and, it turns out, CTS does not even have the basic Section 19 licensing. Croner and our own Marksman say it needs.

It could be - and has been - argued that the safety of passengers may be compromised. At best, surely this is the equivalent of an operator trading in a new Optare Spectra for an old Bristol VR, then claiming the spare cash in the bank is profit? The real trick is to deliver the SAME standard for less money.

And it's not just Calderdale. Against a backdrop of the hue and cry from the public for better safety standards for council-run transport, boycotting school buses and demanding seatbelts, it seems incongruous that councils elsewhere are pulling their contracts in-house. They may be running them with the legal requirement of Section 19 permits, but that means a small fraction of the vehicle safety checks a PSV would get and a lower standard of training for drivers.

We believe the time has come for your representatives - the Confederation of Passenger Transport in particular - to bring this practice to the attention of Steven Norris. Meanwhile, CBW would be very happy to investigate any other councils which believe in swapping the mayoral limo for a Ford Fiesta...

Coach and Bus Week is published by Emap Response, part of Emap Business Communications, Wentworth House, Wentworth Street, Peterborough PE1 1DS. Telephone 01733 63100. Classified Advertising 01733 898111. Fax 01733 62656.

Editor Mike Morgan
News and technical editor Richard Simpson
Production editor Frank Forster
Tourism editor William Golden
Northern news editor Andrew Jarosz
Designer Tina Golden

Business development manager Hugh Cairns
Assistant advertisement manager Mike Moore
Advertisement team leader Julia Edmonds
Display telesales executive Melanie Mayo
Classified telesales executives Lee Puffett, Chris Templeman
PA to publishing director Lisa Wilson
Group production manager Nicky Easton
Production assistants Debi McGowan, Suzanne Porter
Publisher Chrissie Hester

NEWS 4-13

Low-floor buses for York Park and Ride; Major boost for Alexander's new low-floor Ultra; Sixty one jobs created by Belfast expansion; Euro threat to minis and midis recedes; Remanufacturer's rise from the ashes of recession; Wheelchair accessibility plans flawed; Council licensing rumpus

TOUR NEWS 14&15

Theatre catering for disabled; Get off the coach and on your bike

LEGAL NEWS 16

Government plans to tighten up on emissions

MARKSMAN 19

You ask, he answers

DIARY 20

Conflicting verdicts

LETTERS 22&23

The powers of examiners

FEATURE 25-30

Green Special — Environmental issues

DEALS AND DEALERS 32-33

R&L celebrates silver jubilee with new Darts

WEEK ENDING 34

Headlines of yesteryear

PEOPLE 55

Six of the best at Reading Buses



Domestic subscription rate is £49 per year; Europe £92 and worldwide air mail £124. All rates include postage.

Contributions should be sent to The Editor, Coach and Bus Week, Wentworth House, Wentworth Street, Peterborough PE1 1DS. The editor cannot accept responsibility for claims and statements by authors and manufacturers whose views do not necessarily represent those of the publisher, or for any mistakes or misprints, although every care is taken to ensure accuracy.

ISSN 1351-3877
Typesetting and origination: Meridian In Colour, Newark Road, Peterborough
Printing: Staples Printers, St Albans

© Emap Response 1995

McDonald's

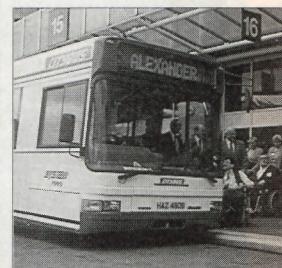
IDEALLY LOCATED TO CATER FOR ALL
 YOUR GROUP VISITS IN LONDON

Please contact Max Jenvey on
 0171 935 3315 for further information

contents



Low-floors for York Park and Ride: page 5...



...and low-floors for Belfast: page 6

▼ Coach and Bus

Expansion is key to British Bus success

EXPANSION and growth are the key factors in the improved turnover and profit figures reported by British Bus plc, now the largest unquoted group in the UK bus industry.

Turnover for 1994 increased to £163.13 million from £130.14 million for the 60 weeks which included the whole of 1993.

Operating profit for 1994 was £15.74 million after goodwill amortisation compared to £11.62 million for the previous 60 weeks, a margin of 9.6 per cent over the previous 8.9 per cent.

Acquisitions such as Luton & District, Northumbria, Kentish Bus and Stevensons during 1994 increased turnover by £58.39 million, while continuing business showed a turnover growth of over six per cent.

Further acquisitions since the end of the financial year include the Yorkshire Bus Group and Maidstone & District, which have lifted the group annualised turnover to nearly £280 million.

Group chairman Dawson Williams said British Bus had developed into one of the strongest of the British transport operators.

"We see considerable short to medium-term prospects for continuing growth within the UK bus industry and we are seeking opportunities overseas for expansion in the longer term."

STOP PRESS

THE FirstBus merger between Badgerline and GRT will not be referred to the MMC, it was announced this week.

▼ Coach

Express and Nat Ex sign deal

by Andrew Jarosz

LIVERPOOL-based Express Travel, which has competed with National Express for nearly 10 months (CBW, 24 September) withdrew its six commercial express services last week — after an agreement with its competitor to resume its role as a contracted operator.

Express, which was purchased by its md Ian Hann last Autumn, had originally ceased operating for National Express after a dispute over mileage rates during the Summer.

Mr Hann then launched the first of a projected national network of

competitive routes marketed as the 'Extra Option' with routes from Manchester and Liverpool to London, followed by blue liveried coaches selling the 'Executive option' and 'Exclusive Option' on cross-country services and from Newcastle to London.

Initially Express is working 12 non-Rapide Nat Ex diagrams with 15 coaches, covering Southport to Southsea, Wrexham to Perth, Rochdale to Gatwick and Victoria to Portsmouth and a number of journeys on the Trans-Pennine shuttle from Liver-

pool to Bradford.

Three blue coaches are retained for private hire, excursion and tour work which will continue to offer 'Executive and Exclusive' options.

Five coaches are currently rented out to other operators.

"Having settled our legal differences, we had the opportunity to rekindle our contractual relationship with National Express," said Mr Hann. "We have negotiated excellent rates and are very pleased to be working together again.

Although the Express Travel network had not achieved much of its promise and ridership was sporadic, the fare cuts and additional duplication laid on by National Express will have been costly, and prompted a settling of differences between the two.

▼ Coach and Bus

Best sales since slump

NEW coach and bus registrations are nearly 53 per cent up on the same time last year, according to the May figures from the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders.

Coach registrations are up 78 per cent to 851, and bus by 36 per cent to 1012.

Once again, Volvo tops the combined table and the coach table, with Dennis leading bus sales in spite of its Swedish rival registering 120 buses in May.

Also on the bus front, Optare in third place is just ahead of Scania, while Scania holds a comfortable third place from

DAF Bus in the coach market.

Mercedes-Benz is starting to make an impact in the full-size bus market this year. It registered 11 vehicles in May, bringing its total for the year to date to 17.

MAN put two vehicles on the road, making 19 this year, and Renault registered a single unit, bringing its score for 1995 to five.

While the explosive year-on-year growth recorded earlier in 1995 is unlikely to be repeated in the next seven months, this year still looks like being the best since the recession.

CBW

COACH AND BUS REGISTRATIONS

| | May | | Year to Date | |
|---------|------|------|--------------|------|
| | 1995 | 1994 | 1995 | 1994 |
| Volvo | 191 | 131 | 859 | 46.1 |
| Dennis | 81 | 69 | 519 | 27.9 |
| Scania | 42 | 36 | 158 | 8.5 |
| DAF Bus | 16 | 15 | 94 | 5.0 |
| Optare | 11 | 10 | 67 | 3.6 |
| Bova | 0 | 15 | 25 | 1.3 |
| Others | 37 | 26 | 141 | 7.6 |
| Total | 378 | 302 | 1863 | 100 |
| | | | 1219 | 100 |

COACH REGISTRATIONS

| | May | | Year to Date | |
|---------|------|------|--------------|------|
| | 1995 | 1994 | 1995 | 1994 |
| Volvo | 71 | 51 | 467 | 54.9 |
| Dennis | 16 | 10 | 104 | 12.2 |
| Scania | 32 | 18 | 97 | 11.4 |
| DAF Bus | 14 | 8 | 53 | 6.2 |
| Bova | 0 | 15 | 25 | 2.9 |
| Others | 25 | 20 | 105 | 12.4 |
| Total | 158 | 122 | 851 | 100 |
| | | | 477 | 100 |

BUS REGISTRATIONS

| | May | | Year to Date | |
|---------|------|------|--------------|------|
| | 1995 | 1994 | 1995 | 1994 |
| Dennis | 65 | 59 | 415 | 41 |
| Volvo | 120 | 80 | 392 | 38.7 |
| Optare | 11 | 10 | 67 | 6.6 |
| Scania | 10 | 18 | 61 | 6.0 |
| DAF Bus | 2 | 7 | 41 | 4.1 |
| Others | 12 | 6 | 36 | 3.6 |
| Total | 220 | 180 | 1012 | 100 |
| | | | 742 | 100 |

The above table details all vehicles on designated PSV underframes registered last month in Great Britain, Northern Ireland, the Isle of Man and Channel Islands.

Source: SMMT



▼ Bus

Rider York gets P&R

Five-year contract paves way for 20 low-floor buses in Autumn

RIDER York has captured the prestigious York City Council Park and Ride contract for a five-year term, with plans to introduce at least 20 new low-floor vehicles into service this Autumn.

The partnership agreement involves a comprehensive package of service provision from three peripheral city car parks and includes site management and security provision at two of the sites at least. Rider will operate the services on a commercial basis, with no significant subsidy.

Twenty two opera-

by Andrew Jarosz

tors had expressed interest in the contract but the enormity of the task dissuaded many from applying and the final run-off was between just two local operators, Rider York and York Pullman.

Rider will replace a motley collection of second-hand vehicles that used to operate the White Line service, and the company took over the Askham Bar service last week for a bridging period until Autumn.

Rider has operated the Grimston Bar service



Scania low-floor (right) destined for P&R

since commencement last November, and it will take over the Clifton Moor route on Saturdays, although that does not run daily until next year.

Fourteen Wrights-bodied Scania L113 Access Ultralow single deckers have already been or-

dered. These will be followed by a further six at the end of the year, with an option for six more next year. In addition to the vehicle's usual features, special luggage racks for heavy shopping will be supplied by Marks & Spencer.

▼ Bus

Stagecoach challenge

STAGECOACH is challenging the right of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission to investigate its takeover of 75-vehicle Ayrshire Bus Owners (trading as A1).

A four-month MMC review of the £4.25 million takeover has been ordered by corporate and consumer affairs minister Jonathan Evans, acting on the advice of new director-general of fair trading Jeffrey Preston.

Keith Cochrane, Stagecoach's group financial controller, said that the company was looking at "all avenues."

▼ Coach

'Lethal' fake seatbelts on market, says SMMT



POTENTIALLY lethal seatbelts with fake approval marking are being offered to coach and minibus operators, warns the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders.

The belts appear to have been assembled with parts from various sources on a kind of mix-and-match basis and use retractors intended for industrial applications. They are totally unsuitable for passenger-carrying vehicles.

The Vehicles Certification Agency, the body

responsible for approval marking of components, believes the counterfeit belts may emanate from several sources.

"Although they carry EII/ell marks, there is no evidence they comply with approved standards. Some also carry bogus labels," said VCA, which is tracking down the sources of supply.

Approved units carry labels comprising the E/e marks, manufacturers' name and logo, the approval number, date of

manufacture and symbols which identify what sort of belt it is (ie three points, lap, retractor and so on).

"The belts are literally hybrids," said Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders' safety expert Bill Dixon.

"Some or all of the parts being illicitly assembled are simply not suitable for this application. Passengers depending on belts using industrial retractors would get far less protection in a serious accident."

CBW

▼ Bus

Park and ride York's solution

YORK City Council has looked to park and ride as an important tool in relieving congestion and stimulating tourism to its historic centre. The provision of the Askham Bar car park together with an out-of-town supermarket, was the initial spur to fostering a park-and-ride service where car parking was free.

Last November's introduction of the Grimston Bar car park together with security staff, video surveillance and round-the-clock staffing has shown that a secure facility is appreciated and there has not yet been a single theft.

The Clifton Moor facility at a multiplex cinema is cramped and council officers are looking for a replacement site which would be close to one of the main roads north of the city.

The new contract represents a shift from the current position where the council pays for operations and takes fare revenues. There is a fall-back position if revenues fall consistently flat and a converse profit share, if takings exceed targets.

Councillor Dave Merrett, chair of the traffic and transportation committee, said service performance would be monitored closely, with agreed penalties in force for loss of service.

INSIDE TRANSIT THIS WEEK

NEWS

Three make it on to Leeds Supertram shortlist

VIEWS

Labour's plans to re-regulate the bus industry

PARLIAMENT

Bus services are scrutinised in the Commons

MEDIA MONITOR

Government transport policy under pressure

ANALYSIS

Full breakdown of EYMS financial results

Transit is available only to Coach and Bus Week subscribers. Together they make an unbeatable package. To make sure you're not missing out, fill out the subscription form at the back of this magazine now.

TRANSIT - CAN YOUR BUSINESS AFFORD TO BE WITHOUT IT?

In brief

Ipswich grant

IPSWICH is to spend a £1.45 million grant from the DoT to introduce more and better bus priority alongside cycle lanes and pedestrianisation. Among the most imaginative measures is a 'bus gate' into Old Norwich Road, providing bus-only access to Clayton.

Free vouchers

CLEVELAND Transit is to provide 10 free Shopmobility vouchers - offering the use of wheelchairs and scooters to the mobility-impaired - for concessionary bus users. The offer will save disabled and elderly bus users around £10 but also includes discounts to Stockton shops and cafes, Shopmobility newsletters and a number of social events.

Mini extension

COUNTY Bus (Townlink) is to extend its minibus route 517, from Upshire to Enfield Town, to take in Oakwood Station via World's End. The change reflects the public's request for better access to the Underground and the shopping at Enfield.

Travel leaflet

HEREFORD & Worcester County Council is promoting Sunday and Bank Holiday bus travel with a leaflet showing tourism destinations which can be reached with normal service buses. Operators Go Whittle and Gloucester Citybus run some of the routes, while Yeomans Canyon Travel even carries cycles.

LRC subsidy

A NEW Health and Safety Executive video, *Danger: Vehicles at work*, was launched last week at the HSE's headquarters in Rose Court, London. It aims to reduce the 70 deaths annually where working vehicles have hit employees. Details on 0171 717 6000.

▼ Bus

Alexander looks Ultra successful

Sixty new low-floors ordered

ULTRA, the Alexander-bodied Volvo B10L low-floor bus, has received a major boost with the announcement by Ulsterbus that it intends to place the UK's largest single low-floor order.

The news that 60 Ultras will join the Ulsterbus and Citybus fleets was given by md (and this year's Confederation of Passenger Transport president)

by Mike Morgan

Ted Hesketh during the unveiling of the new bus at Alexander's premises in Mallusk near Belfast.

One of three pre-production Ultras is in Citybus colours for tests in Belfast and will be joined by 50 production models next April when the Ulster operator will also put 10 into its Ulsterbus fleet for



One of three production Ultras in Citybus colours

use in Londonderry.

Mr Hesketh said, subject to some outstanding points of detail, he was able to confirm that the order for the new buses would be placed locally.

"I am delighted that, despite strong European competition, this order will

be good news for Belfast and will strengthen the position of Northern Ireland as a major producer of high-quality buses.

"Alexander's is to be congratulated on this association with Volvo to produce this first-class vehicle."

▼ Bus

Low-floors are the future for Ulsterbus

ULSTERBUS and Citybus, the public-sector operator which has a majority

share of the Northern Ireland local bus market, is making a major switch to



Malcolm Moss, Ted Hesketh and Mike Ford Hutchinson with disabled passengers

low-floor buses when the 60 Alexander-bodied B10Ls enter service.

Northern Ireland environment minister Malcolm Moss endorsed the commitment to low-floor buses. He said: "It reduces the barriers to travel for many."

"The mobility gap needs to be bridged and research in London shows that public transport offers the best solution."

"The bus is a vital component of the transport system and I want to see a greater number of car users making a public transport choice."

"Northern Ireland can lead the way and the bus company is prepared to give that lead."

Managing director, Ted Hesketh, said: "Ulsterbus and Citybus are firmly committed to making bus travel as easy as possible for those who are less agile and we have demonstrated this commitment to

introducing kneeling buses. We now have the largest fleet of these in the UK."

Noel Stewart, chairman of Ulsterbus and Citybus, said: "This is a glimpse of the future convenience of modern public transport. Low-floor buses will play an important part in our fleet and for some time now we have been evaluating the various types of vehicles on offer."

"The Ultra has impressed us considerably. Not only will these buses transform public transport for disabled people but the elderly and mothers with children and buggies will benefit from the 'step-up' ease of access."

"Because of this boarding will be faster and this will lead to quicker services for all passengers." Mr Stewart also stressed the environmental benefits of the Ultra's Euro II engine.

▼ Bus

Plans for expansion

Dozens of new jobs on way

ALEXANDER'S low-floor citybus, the Volvo Ultra, has sparked a £1.2 million expansion plan at the bodybuilder's Belfast factory, aided by a Government grant.

Speaking at the launch of the Ultra, Northern Ireland minister for the environment, Malcolm Moss, said the Ultra would lead to the creation of 61 new jobs (50 before the end of year) at Alexander's, and ultimately bringing the total workforce to almost 300.

"The Mallusk plant will now be the main production centre for the new bus within the group. There will also be a large increase in design capabil-

by Mike Morgan

ity at Mallusk which, for the first time, will have a lead role in marketing vehicles built here."

A three-year development has been submitted by Alexander as it stakes a claim for grants worth up to 25 per cent of some development costs.

Mr Moss said three Government agencies were working closely together on the new project. The Industrial Research and Technology Unit (IRTU) has offered to assist research and development costs; the Industrial Development Board (IDB) has helped fund new plant and equipment and an export-led



Ultra responsible for creation of 61 jobs

marketing strategy; and the Training and Employment Agency is focussing on a manpower and training programme.

Mike Ford-Hutchinson, managing director of Walter Alexander (Belfast), said the expansion plans would enable the company to compete more effectively for business and increase

efficiency and capacity.

Measures to improve efficiency are already producing tangible benefits. Mr Ford-Hutchinson said: "There is a 12 per cent reduction in the time taken to build a standard single-deck bus. The average time from design to delivery of a bus has also been reduced by 30 per cent."

▼ Bus

First major export order now in build

WALTER Alexander (Belfast) is poised to start delivery of its first major export order outside the British Isles.

Based on the Setanta body design first built for Bus Eireann and Dublin Bus, a total of 50 vehicles are currently in build for the Trans-Island Bus Service Company of Singapore (TIBS). Built on DAF Bus SB220 chassis, the buses feature air-conditioning and bonded glazing plus numerous details to meet the customers' requirements.

Although Alexander is the UK's leading exporter of bus bodies - having exported over 5,000 since 1975 and gaining the Queen's Award for Export Achievement - virtual-

ly all have been supplied from the manufacturing plant at Falkirk, Scotland.

The TIBS order is for 100 single-deck buses to be delivered before November, 50 of which are being designed and built in Ulster. Walter Alexander (Falkirk) is completing the order of supplying a further 50 buses built on Scania L113 chassis.

Two years of rebuilding and restructuring since the management-led buyout in 1992 resulted in Alexander reporting 1994 sales up 15 per cent to £55.6 million; profit up 81 per cent to £2.74 million; UK market share up two per cent to 33 per cent and an order book up 42 per cent to £55 million.

CBW

In brief

Route divided

LONDON Transport has split route 20 in two. Route 201 will now take the eastern part of the Raynes Park-Tulse Hill route, running daily from Tulse Hill Station to Mitcham. Route 200 will now end at Mitcham. Both services will be operated by London General.

CNG plant

COMPARE Reavell is this week to open a new natural gas refuelling point at its facility in Ipswich. The Natural Gas Vehicle (NGV) station offers the area's operators the opportunity to run buses on North Sea Gas.

■ Swedish gas bus: pages 28-29

Statistics day

THE Chartered Institute of Transport hosts the Transport Statistics User Group on 22 June when it studies changes made in the way travel statistics are gathered. The National Travel Survey, used by the DoT, is now conducted using laptop computers on a sample base of around 3,500 households, against the 10,000 used in previous surveys.

Tour diverted

THE Oxford Classic Tour has been diverted... to take in Gloucester Green Bus Station. Run jointly by Tappins, Heyfordian and Lothian Region Transport, the open-topper runs for an hour at a 15 to 20-minute frequency, taking in most of the major sights of the university city.

Home again

THE RAC has launched a minibus get-you-home package aimed at the welfare and education markets... but excluding professional minibus operators. For £79, Minibus Assist members get the usual RAC benefits of breakdown rescue.

▼ Bus

Alexander uses Volvo firm's System 2000

VOLVO launched the B10L on the European scene 12 months ago with bodywork options for the UK undisclosed, despite the Swedish-built chassis being designed by the former Leyland team at Faringdon.

Bodywork for one of the European prototypes was built by Volvo-owned Säffle using its System 2000 all-aluminium construction and it is this system and bodystyle that Alexander has since obtained a licence to use on vehicles sold in the British Isles and the Far East.

Alexander has modified the design to meet British requirements. Air tanks have been moved from the roof to

the chassis forward of the rear axle, and the window pillar spacing altered. Double glazing is standard and a two-door option is available on the vehicle, which weighs-in at 10,980kg.

It is built on the B10L underframe which is delivered as a short-wheelbase transit chassis. Alexander bolts together the central chassis frame and adds steel outriggers for additional strength.

The result is a flat floor in the main part of the 12-metre vehicle before the central gangway is ramped at a shallow angle towards the rear. Rear seats are on risers over the wheelarches and side-mounted transmission.

▼ Coach and Bus

Euro threat to minis and midis dies down

Directive includes derogation until 2005

UK industry pressure looks set to push back the European Union threat to mini and midibuses to the next decade. It is feared that a planned directive covering the construction of coaches and buses could challenge the viability of minis and midis by cutting their seating capacity.

Continental Europe has yet to experience the switch to smaller vehicles and any EU-wide regula-

by Mike Morgan

tions could stifle future innovation. CBW understands the latest draft coach and bus construction directive will include a derogation until the year 2005 for specifications relating to seat widths and pitches in vehicles under 2.3 metres wide.

This unsatisfactory situation postpones the decision as individual gov-

ernments are left to make their own regulations when the aim of intense UK lobbying from the Confederation of Passenger Transport (CPT), Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders (SMMT) and Coach Industry Action Group (CIAG) was to remove the threat altogether and it is believed that the view from within the Department of Transport is that the UK Government does not



Seat widths and pitches are not safety issues

favour the derogation.

DGIII, the European Commission's department preparing the long awaited draft, is expected to circulate this compromise solution to other DGs, including Neil Kinnock's transport department. It is un-

derstood that seat widths and pitches are not considered safety issues and, therefore, need not be subject to legislation.

Meanwhile, CIAG is anticipating the next move and preparing an action plan.

▼ Coach

Eight Premiere Javelins spearhead quality drive

GO Whittle has taken delivery of eight Plaxton Premiere 350s on Dennis Javelin chassis... and it's all in the drive for top quality, says Ron Whittle.

The firm's managing director said the coaches — five of which are air-conditioned 49-seaters — will be used on the new extended tour programme which, this year, takes holidaymakers to Tuscany, Lake Como and Portugal.

"To maintain our

competitive edge in the holiday business we have to run top-quality coaches," said Mr Whittle. "Our customers expect, and deserve, no less."

The fleet also gets a few new tweaks to the livery, the letter W in the name being interpreted as a double tick in green and yellow among the blue Go Whittle logo: "Our name and our colours are well-known and we wouldn't want to make any radical

changes which undermine our established image," said Mr Whittle.

"All our front-line coaches are Plaxtons, and that is a reflection of the quality of the product and their service support."

The vehicles, which were handed over at West Midlands Safari Park, were supplied by Plaxton's dealership Kirkby Coach and Bus.

● **More deliveries and liveries in Deals and Dealers, page 32,33**



Plaxton-bodied Dennis Javelins are air conditioned

▼ Coach

Limebourne has its O-licence revoked

LONDON-based Limebourne Coaches has had its licence revoked for five years, and its director, Peter Inzani, has been banned from holding an O-licence for two years.

Traffic commissioner Brigadier Michael Turn-

er heard evidence from the Vehicle Inspectorate that tachograph regulations had been broken abroad.

It is believed Mr Inzani intends to appeal against the decision.

● **Legal news: page 16**

▼ Bus

Passengers look on as man beaten

A BUS driver and 20 passengers looked on as a 27-year-old Reading man had a bottle smashed over his head and was severely beaten up.

Mark Maynard had tried to help a schoolgirl who was being sexually harassed but ended up a victim himself as five youths began their attack on the bus.

After the bus driver opened the door for them, they continued it in the street, kicking Mr May-

nard's head into the kerbstone repeatedly.

"I said to a bloke who was sitting on the top deck, 'help me, help me', but he didn't do anything. They dragged me down the bus, the bus driver opened the door and they dragged me out and nearly kicked me to death," said Mr Maynard.

"The bus driver drove off." Police arrested two people and released them on bail pending inquiries.

CBW

Vecta



The natural choice for town and country

More and more long-term operators are choosing the remarkable OPTARE Vecta for their routes. Versatile and stylish, with its air suspension, powerful engine and advanced automatic gearbox, it is perfectly geared to the ups and downs of bus operation.

In fact the Vecta is the only 10-metre bus to combine all this with full Alusuisse bodywork, a durable MAN chassis and spacious full width interior.

OPTARE give you a smooth ride financially too. As well as our superb Service Support System we can help with fleet financing, fixed-cost maintenance contracts and even re-sales.

Call us now and test the Vecta on your most demanding routes. Even on B roads, we think you'll give it an A.

OPTARE

Optare Ltd., Manston Lane, Leeds LS15 8SU
Tel. 01532 645182 Fax. 01532 606635

▼ Coach and Bus

Risen from the ashes

Remanufacturer's confident future

SANDWELL Power Products has emerged from the ashes of one of the least likely victims of the recession - Beans Automotive.

The West Midlands business had an impressive portfolio of clients, including some of the biggest names in the automotive industry, as well as a thriving trade in remanufacturing engines for coach and bus operators under the Dieselmaster banner. It was also the parent company of Tamworth car maker Reliant.

Sadly, its industry connections were to prove its downfall. The closure of AWD hurt, so did the collapse of Leyland DAF, but it was debt from Reliant which pulled the company into receivership last year.

Watching from the sidelines at this point was former director Brian Seaby. He had earlier tried to purchase the engine remanufacturing business from Beans, and parted company with the board when his bid was rejected.

However, receivers KPMG proved more approachable, and Mr Seaby had a business plan and finance ready when Reliant

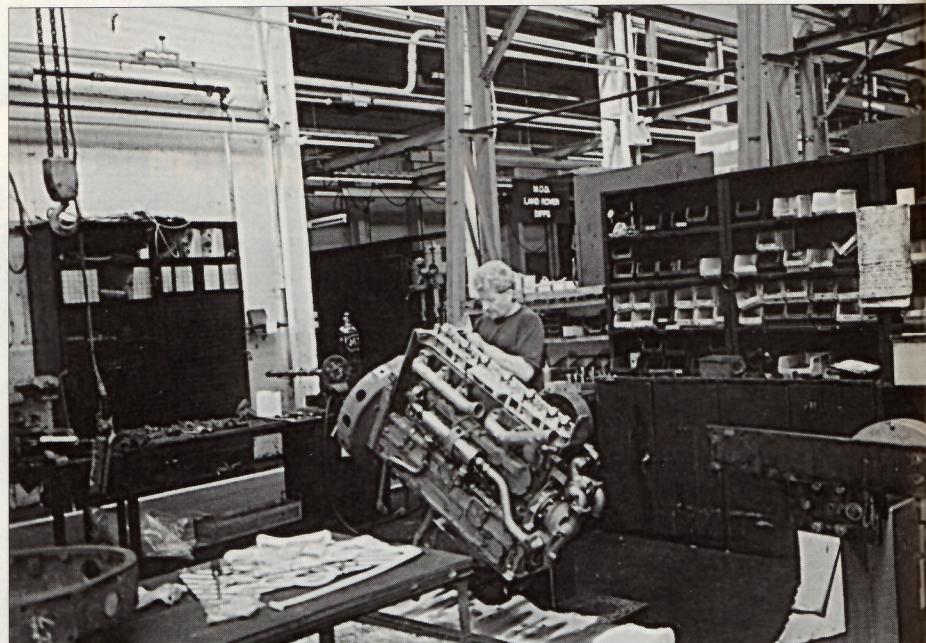
by Richard Simpson

was split from Beans. He changed his plan to include the site at Hurst Lane, Tipton and all engineering work, including OEM part manufacture for the likes of Rover and Unipart.

Mr Seaby accepts Sandwell has some ground to make up in re-establishing its place in the coach and bus market. "Dieselmaster sales dropped off to nothing during the receivership," he admitted, "but there has been a steady increase in sales since then."

Turnover is expected to be up to £2 million by the end of the year, and Sandwell currently has 35 coach and bus engines in stock, with units turning over every day - "remanufactured engines are a distress purchase," Mr Seaby said.

Currently Leyland and Iveco engines are the most popular, but Bedford (the company also builds Bedford engines for fitting to trucks made for export by Marshall), Ford, Mercedes-Benz, Gardner, Cummins, Perkins and Freight-Rover units are also



Leyland 680s used to be the main engine - but now the range is wider

held. Customers' own DAF and Volvo units can be turned around in seven to 10 days, with parts availability being the governing factor.

As a matter of policy, only OEM parts are used when remanufacturing engines, and all bearings, seals and pistons are renewed as a matter of course.

The company is always looking at what's coming on to the market. Mr Seaby points out that, for the first few years of a vehicle's life, servicing and repair is likely to be handled by the manufacturers agent. Once the vehicle is over five years old, this situation changes, and Cummins and Mercedes are expected to become increasingly popular in the future.

"This place used to exist on Leyland 680s. Things are more complex now and we have computerised procurement to do ones and twos across a wide range of engines," Mr Seaby said.

Although the most effective way of cleaning up a smoky old vehicle is to fit a remanufactured engine, Mr Seaby accepts the company is going to have to move fast to keep up with ever-tightening environmental legislation, although he points out the difficulty of getting a re-

manufactured engine to run any cleaner than it did when it was new.

However, emissions testing equipment is to be installed in the factory, and experience gained with electronically-managed car engines means similarly-equipped diesel bus units will hold no fears for Sandwell when they start to come through.

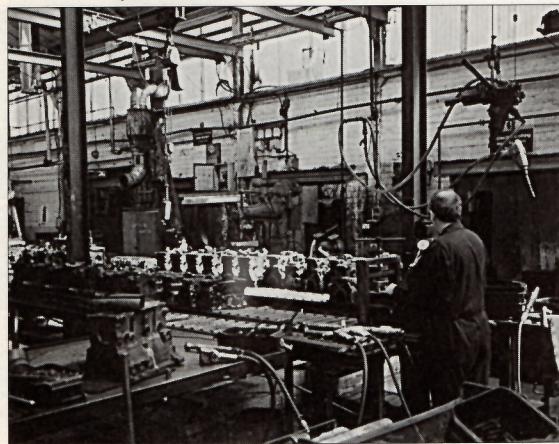
Mr Seaby maintains that a Sandwell-remanufactured engine is likely to be chosen because it offers good quality at a price which is very competitive because the vehicle user is dealing direct with the factory rather than the distributor. Mr Seaby estimates around half the price of a Sandwell-remanufactured engine represents new genuine parts.

Quite a few operators have impress stock with Sandwell, so they can be sure of getting their own units back, as major components such as crankshafts have a limited number of 'lives' as far as reconditioning is concerned.

Sandwell is now re-establishing itself in the market. While 60 per cent of the remanufacturing work is contract-based for the likes of the MoD, Land-Rover Parts and Unipart, coach and bus operators are seen as playing a vital role in growing the other

40 per cent of the business. A further £250,000 is to be invested in the factory this year, with £500,000 to follow in 1996. Staffing is now up to 150, with 10 more to be taken on in July. Clearly, the company is confident about its future.

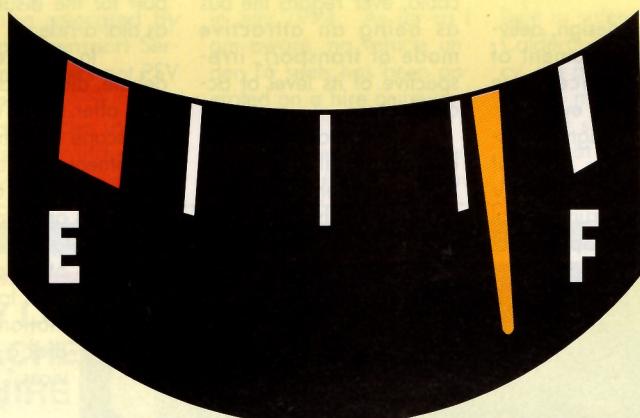
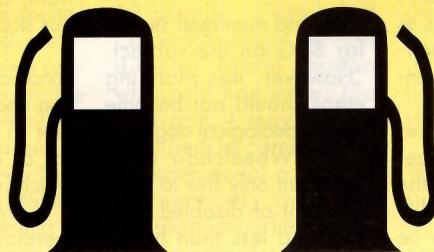
● **Green feature** **CBW**
pages 25 - 30.



Most remanufacturing work is contract based

Genuine parts used

Keep Smiling



All the way to the Bank

Over £8,000 a year! That's the staggering fuel saving reckoned by Selwyns of Runcorn operating a typical 160,000 mile year on the National Express Shuttle between Liverpool and Manchester with each of their Dennis Javelin 240 coaches.

United Welsh Coaches calculate **savings of 2mpg and more** when using Javelin for local work and long-distance continental touring.

And based on normal fleet operations of 90,000 miles per vehicle per year,

Victory Tours calculate that their three Dennis Javelins will together deliver annual savings of **more than £15,000!**

The Dennis Javelin also has capacity for over a tonne more payload.

And besides protecting your profits, Dennis vehicles produce tonnes less pollution, yet have power to spare.

So now you can really clean up!

DENNIS

THE STRENGTH TO DRIVE ON

Dennis Specialist Vehicles

Dennis Way, Guildford,

Surrey GU1 1AF.

Telephone: 01483 571271

Faximile: 01483 306836



▼ Bus

Call for inquiry into bus subsidy

OPPOSITION county councillors in Devon are calling for an inquiry after figures of bus level subsidy were disclosed for the current financial years.

The figures published by Devon County Council show it will spend £1.5 million this year subsidising 200 loss-making services.

However, the opposition Tory councillors are concerned that the bulk of the subsidy is going to a very small number of routes.

In particular they cite the one contract run by Red Bus receiving £200,000 which covers just seven services in the Tiverton/Exeter area.

Tory county councillor Dennis Dicker said of the £4,000 a week subsidy: "It is an enormous sum of money to be spending. It would be cheaper for the council to buy its own buses.

"I am sure there must be a better way of providing the services under this contract and I shall be calling for an investigation to find a better way."

But a council officer pointed out that 350,000 passengers a year used the Red Bus services.

Independent councillor Mary Turner added: "This is a rural area and it is essential there are bus services so people can get around."

"These services would be used by people so they can get to work as well as being able to do their shopping."

▼ Coach and Bus

Wheelchair accessibility plans flawed - consultant

'Emphasis should be on dedicated services for disabled'

A LEADING accessible transport consultant says the Government's plans to make all buses wheelchair-accessible are fundamentally flawed.

Robert Bain, a senior economist with Steer Davies Gleave, says the outcome of the Disability Discrimination Bill may be fewer dial-a-ride services and only a marginal uptake of accessible bus services.

"In the design, delivery and development of transport services, we should be taking every opportunity to 'design in' disabled people - not just wheelchair users," said Mr Bain, who has run several accessible transport ser-

by Mark Williams

vices and managed studies for SDG on the subject. "However, this planning ethos should not become lost in ideological dogma.

"Wheelchair users represent only five to eight per cent of disabled people, and less than half a per cent of the population.

"An even smaller proportion would, or could, ever regard the bus as being an attractive mode of transport, irrespective of its level of accessibility.

"For elderly or disabled people, it is commonly the non-vehicular components of their journey that represent the greatest

barriers - travelling to and from, and waiting at, the bus stop.

"To impose rigorous conditions through legislation upon the vehicle operator in isolation is to look for a 'quick-fix' solution which is wildly off target."

Mr Bain says commercial operators should have concentrated more effort into promoting and providing dedicated transport for the disabled such as dial-a-ride:

"In the accessibility debate, dial-a-ride services may offer the PSV industry an escape route from a development path that could prove to be very costly. Indeed, bus operators should be campaigning alongside other organisations for the promotion of local dial-a-ride services," he says.

And he warned campaigners for the disabled that the universal provision of accessible buses on existing routes may mean the end of dedicated buses for

which many severely handicapped people have no alternative: "In some people's thinking, if all buses were required to be fully accessible, the need for dial-a-ride services would be considerably reduced.

"All the evidence of my operational experience and research, however, would suggest this would be a retrograde step in the development of transport services for elderly and disabled people," he says.

● The Confederation of Passenger Transport is concentrating its efforts on ensuring a realistic timetable for the introduction of universal bus accessibility, rather than fighting it as a principle, said a spokesman.

He said the CPT had assurances from public transport minister Steven Norris that the introduction of accessibility would take minibuses and coaches, and the industry's views, into account (CBW 169, 27 May) but that its eventualty was regarded as a *fait accompli*.

"We are aiming for a 'best case' scenario," said the spokesman.



'Wheelchair users only five to eight per cent of disabled'

▼ Coach and Bus

Deckers' popularity growing in Ireland

DOUBLE-deck tour buses are growing in popularity in Ireland with operators in Dublin and Kilkenny among those to expand their sightseeing fleets.

Anthony McConn, trading as Dualway Coaches of Dublin, has introduced three AEC Routemasters on "Old Dublin Tours".

Such is their popularity that he has converted one of them, front-entrance former BEA RMA 25, to open top.

Meanwhile, in Kilkenny, Ireland's smallest city, JJ Kavanagh of Urringford has added RMA22 to his fleet of 50 coaches and the Routemaster runs the "Kilkenny Tour".

▼ Coach and Bus

Scrap schools' free travel plan slated

PLANS to maintain education budgets by scrapping free transport for Essex grammar school pupils have come under fire after it was revealed they would save £1 million less than expected.

Essex County Council has slashed estimates of savings offered by the Liberal Democrat

and Labour proposal to £637,000 over 10 years.

Protesters said the figures seriously undermined councillor's claims they were only interested in cost-cutting and not leading a vindictive campaign against the county's eight grammar schools. **CBW**

▼ Coach and Bus

'Council operating without licences'

Operators claim safety could be compromised

by Mark Williams

FOUR Calderdale coach operators have established that the local council's transport company has been running minibuses for several years without Section 19 permits or an O-licence.

The 'gang of four' now alleges safety could be compromised by its running of social services bus contracts, and that it is possible that — if it can be proved Calderdale Transport Services is not within the law — its insurance may be invalid.

The row between the four Bradford Coach Operators' Association members and Calderdale Social Ser-

vices centres on the council decision to award previously tendered service contracts to CTS, run by the council (CBW, 22 April).

According to one of the operators — Neil Walsh of TJ Walsh Minibus in Halifax — contracts to transport handicapped people were terminated behind closed doors, with no reason given, and are now being operated by Calderdale Transport Services using drivers not PSV or PCV trained.

The vehicles used — which last year included a hired 35-seater — do not

display O-licence discs of any kind nor DoT Section 19 permits. CBW asked Calderdale Social Services director Marel Denton whether it had either: "To be frank, I may not be qualified to comment on the operational aspects of the services, since the transport department runs those services for me.

"The council does, however, hold an O-licence which was renewed in July 1994. As far as I am aware, no vehicle under 16 seats has been operated on a hire or reward basis."

However, we have confirmed that CTS does



Contracts to transport handicapped ended

not have either licensing arrangement. The traffic commissioner has written to CTS for an explanation. It is believed Mr Denton may have been referring to an HGV O-licence.

What's more, Mr Walsh says the council-issued 'blue card' training for its CTS drivers bears no comparison to PSV and PCV training.

"While busy promoting itself to be the leading light in safety with its new Calderdale Transport Policy, the council has neglected the most important aspect of safety — the professional qualification of the driver, surely the most

important person on the bus," Mr Walsh says in a letter to councillor David Chaytor, the chair of highways and technical services.

The gang of four — which also includes Gledhill Brothers, B&S Coaches and Twin Valley Coaches — has also enlisted the help of local MP Alice Mahon.

● We would like to hear from operators who have faced similar problems. Write or fax letters to: Council Transport Debate, CBW, Wentworth House, Wentworth Street, Peterborough PE1 1DS, fax: 01733 62656. **CBW**

HIGH QUALITY LOW MILEAGE COACHES FROM OUR HIRE FLEET

1994 L EOS90 Integral, 51R/Toilet
1994 L DAF WS3000 Van Hool Alizee 'H', 51R/Toilet
1994 L DAF KS3000 Easishift Van Hool Alizee 'H', 51R/Toilet
1994 L DAF SB3000 Van Hool Alizee 'DH', 51R/Toilet
1994 L DAF SB3000 Int Retarder Van Hool Alizee 'DH', 51R/Toilet
1994 L DAF HS2700 Auto Van Hool Alizee 'H', 51R/Toilet
1994 L DAF MB230LT Auto Van Hool Alizee 'H', 51R/Toilet
1993 K DAF KS3000 Auto Van Hool Alizee 'DH', 51R/Toilet
1993 K DAF SB3000 Van Hool Alizee 'DH', 51R/Toilet
1993 K DAF SB3000 Van Hool Alizee 'H', 51R/Toilet
1993 K DAF MB230LT Van Hool Alizee 'H', 51R/Toilet
1992 J DAF SB3000 Van Hool Alizee 'DH', 51R/Toilet
1992 J DAF MB230LB Van Hool Alizee 'H', 51R/Toilet
1992 J DAF MB230LT Van Hool Alizee 'H', 51R/Toilet
1991 H DAF SB2305 Van Hool Alizee 'DH', 51R/Toilet



HUGHES DAF HIRE

SHORT OF VEHICLES FOR PEAK PERIODS?
Why not hire a vehicle like this by the day, week, month or year

- Under your control ●
- With your drivers ●
- With your quality of service ●

01274 681144

1990 G DAF MB230LT Van Hool Alizee 'H', 51R/Toilet
1990 G DAF MB230LT Van Hool Alizee 'SH', 53R/Toilet

1989 F DAF SB2305 Van Hool Alizee 'DH', 53R

1989 F DAF SB2305 Van Hool Alizee 'DH', 51R/Toilet

1989 F DAF MB230LT Plaxton 3500, 51R/Toilet

1989 F DAF MB230LB Plaxton 3500, 53R

1989 F DAF MB230LB Plaxton 3500, 51R/Toilet

1989 F DAF DHTD Duple 320SL, 51R/Toilet

1988 E DAF SB2300 Van Hool Alizee, 51R/Toilet

1988 E DAF SB2300 Duple 340SL, 53R

1988 E DAF MB230LT Plaxton 3500, 51R/Toilet

1988 E DAF MB230LB Plaxton 3500, 53R

HIGH QUALITY USED COACHES

1992 K TOYOTA OPTIMO 21sts

1990 G VOLVO B10M Plaxton 3500, 49R/Toilet

1990 G DAF DHTD Duple 320, 57R

1988 F SB3000 Van Hool Alizee SH, 49R/Toilet

1987 D DAF SB2300 Van Hool Alizee H, 49R/Toilet

1987 D DAF MB230LB Duple 340, 53R

1987 D SCANIA K112 Jonckheere, 51R/T

1986 C DAF MB200FL Plaxton 3500, 51R/Toilet

1986 PP VOLVO B10M Plaxton 3500, 52R

1985 BEDFORD YNT Plaxton 3200, 53

1984 A DAF MB200 Jonckheere, 49R/T

DAFBUS
PARTS & SERVICE

FOR FULL DETAILS TELEPHONE: 01274 681144



PARTS & SERVICE **IKARUS**

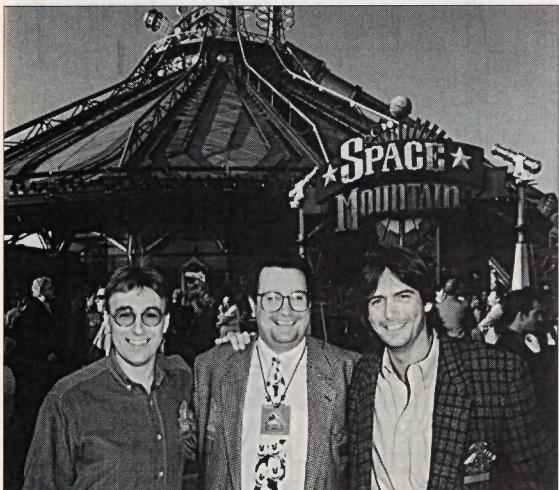
PARTS & SERVICE

DAFBUS PARTS & SERVICE



PARTS & SERVICE **Northern Counties**

PARTS & SERVICE



▼ Europe

Spaced out at Disney

TWO OF Disneyland Paris' 'preferred wholesalers', Greatdays and ICT, were blasted into space and simultaneously saw the stars (in this case, Claudia Schiffer, Peter Gabriel and Belinda Carlisle) during the resort's Space Mountain launch party.

Greatdays marketing director Paul Beaumont (pictured above, left)

and ICT operations director Simon Weeks (right) were among the first victims of the terror ride, foisted on them by Disneyland Paris' head of travel industry sales, Peter Welch (centre).

The conclusion? "Well done, Disney. The ride is awesome - a minute of sheer brilliance," said Mr Weeks.

▼ Europe

Cruises for groups

THE growth in river cruise packages is being capitalised on by Dutch operation Rijn-Moezel Kompas of Baarn, which is promoting heavily into the group market.

The company operates four cruisers, on the Rhine, Moselle and Rivers Neckar and Main. Most popular are the MV Amsterdam and MV Princess

Christina, which have scheduled cruises of eight days, running the Rhine as far as Koblenz.

All cruises are inclusive packages departing from Cologne on Saturday lunchtimes.

Details from Philippe Sanders at RMK Rivercruises, on 00 31 21 54 17245, fax 00 31 21 54 28255.

▼ UK

Council wants your help

A WEST Yorkshire council wants to recruit coach operators to help bring more school parties into the area.

Calderdale Council's leisure services department has launched a new schools visit guide, which is being sent to 2,500 primary schools in the area.

Mike Williams,

Calderdale's tourism development officer, said: "The area has a tremendous variety of great educational attractions - such as Eureka! The Museum for Children in Halifax - and we hope this guide will encourage teachers to visit some of them.

"Rising transport costs can be prohibitive for

▼ UK

Get off the coach and on your bike

International Motor Cycle show ticket sales boom

by William Golden

IT may be six months before the doors open, but already advance sales for coach visitors to the International Motor Cycle Show have broken all records.

By the end of May, more than 2,500 tickets have been sold for the show, which will be held at the Birmingham NEC from Saturday 28 October to Sunday 5 November.

Irene Yedd, md of Motor Cycle Industry Exhibitions - the event organisers - said: "Coach travel to our show has been growing in popularity since we moved permanently to the NEC in

1989. Customers appreciate the convenience which coach travel can offer.

"We also offer tickets on a sale or return basis and, prior to the show, we advertise the coach operator's name, telephone number and pick-up points in *Motor Cycle News*, which is bought by 130,000 motorcyclists."

After last year's record-breaking event, the 1995 International Motor Cycle Show offers extra opportunities for coach operators by being extended to run over two weekends.

NEC box office manager Finlay McAllan said: "Last year we attracted 143,000 visitors and we are confident that the added interest from the coaching industry will help us to better that figure in 1995."

The show will be open daily from 10am to 6pm and coach companies qualify for a £2 discount on the £10 admission.

More details from the MCIE box office, Unit 12, Rochester Court, Anthony's Way, Medway City Estate, Rochester Kent ME2 4NW, tel 01634 727890 (fax 01634 724709).

▼ Europe

Pleasure in them thar hills?

EAST Anglian theme park Pleasurewood Hills has set its sights on sales of tea and cakes by slashing senior citizen group ticket prices... but with a myriad of restrictions.

Groups must be at least 10 over-50s without any accompanying children, and pay a mid-

week, afternoon visit to the park before 8 July - when the school holidays start. If your group can meet all these restrictions, however, they get in for £2.75 a head against the usual £9 or so.

Aside from the gentler rides - including a new tower which gives a

bird's eye view of the park - the over 50s can have a Ritz Tea of sandwiches, pastries and unlimited tea for £2.25, then enjoy the well-manicured gardens.

Bookings can be made direct with Susan Fitzgerald on 01502 586000.



Mike Williams (right) launches the school visits guide with help from Brian Handley, chief exec of Yorks and Humber Tourist Board.

Picture: Halifax Courier

▼ UK

Welcome bonuses

A NEW points system is on the menu for coach drivers visiting Welcome Break service areas this Summer.

Under the Coach Passenger and Driver Incentive Scheme, which is being launched on 26 June, Welcome Break will form "partnerships" with individual operators, who will receive special driver packs which will include a membership card and registration form.

Drivers will then receive vouchers to distribute to passengers, which will enable them to make savings on meals at the 26 Welcome Breaks on motorways and trunk roads in the UK, tailored to the time of the visit.

In turn, drivers will earn one point for each passenger visiting a Welcome Break Granary Food Court. Once enough points have been collected, they can be exchanged for Forte Leisure Break cheques or vouchers at major retail outlets..

For more details call the hotline on 0800 137836.

▼ UK

Theatre catering for the disabled

Innovative features show just what can be done

OPERATORS whose clients include the physically handicapped should take a look at shows at Basingstoke's Haymarket Theatre, where facilities are being promoted.

Not only does the theatre have an induction loop fitted to transmit sound to hearing aids, it can also issue infra-red headsets to non-hearing aid wearers. Seven wheelchair spaces are provided in the theatre, and special seats can be reserved for

by Mark Williams

the ambulant disabled.

Perhaps the theatre's most innovative feature is shows for the partially sighted or unsighted. On the final Wednesday evening of each show's run, a performance is audio-described - a voice-over explaining the action on stage.

Guide dogs can be accommodated without problem. During the same show, the hard of hearing

can also enjoy 'signed' performances.

Shows planned for the Haymarket's Autumn/Winter season include Alan Ayckbourn's excellent *Time and Time Again*; Anthony Shaffer's *Whodunnit*, *Sleuth*; the musical *The Frog Prince*, which is particularly good for children; and Noel Coward's comedy *Private Lives*.

For full details, contact the Haymarket box office on 01256 465566.

▼ UK

P&O recognises Botel contribution



A LIMITED edition print of P&O's flagship ferry The Pride of Dover has been hung on wholesaler Botel's office wall in recognition of its partnership with the shipping company.

P&O's group sales manager Ray Brunton (left) presented the picture to Botel sales director David Bridge for achievement - making Botel the first wholesaler to get the acco-

▼ UK

BTA guide

THE latest edition of the British Tourist Authority's *Britain Events* guide has just been printed.

The 80-page booklet gives brief details of all major national events from July until December of 1996 including contact numbers and a brief summary of the type of event.

They are arranged in date/type order and fully indexed. The guide is invaluable for tour and excursion planning, particularly for incoming groups.

Operators can subscribe to *Britain Events* for £10 for two issues a year by writing to *Britain Events*, The BTA, Finance Department, Thames Tower, Black's Road, London W6 9EL.

CBW

Eurowatch

WEATHER

| City | Average temperature last week | City | Average temperature last week |
|------------|-------------------------------|-----------|-------------------------------|
| Athens | 29C/84F | Madrid | 26C/79F |
| Amsterdam | 13C/55F | Oslo | 16C/61F |
| Berlin | 18C/64F | Paris | 20C/68F |
| Brussels | 14C/57F | Rome | 22C/72F |
| Dublin | 13C/55F | Stockholm | 22C/72F |
| Lisbon | 26C/79F | Vienna | 20C/68F |
| Luxembourg | 63C/63F | Zurich | 17C/63F |

DIESEL PRICES

| Country | Diesel price per litre in Sterling | Country | Diesel price per litre in Sterling |
|-------------------------|------------------------------------|---------|------------------------------------|
| (Courtesy AA Roadwatch) | | | |

| | | | |
|------------|------|-------------|------|
| Austria | 0.48 | Netherlands | 0.50 |
| Belgium | 0.51 | Norway | 0.68 |
| Eire | 0.53 | Poland | 0.23 |
| France | 0.47 | Portugal | 0.43 |
| Germany | 0.50 | Spain | 0.43 |
| Italy | 0.50 | Sweden | 0.62 |
| Luxembourg | 0.41 | Switzerland | 0.61 |

HOLIDAY POUND

| Country | Currency exchange rate | Country | Currency exchange rate |
|---------|------------------------|-------------|------------------------|
| Austria | 15.25 Sch / £ | Italy | 2,540 Lira / £ |
| Belgium | 44.50 BFr / £ | Netherlands | 2.44 Gld / £ |
| Denmark | 8.52 K/£ | Norway | 9.76 Nkr / £ |
| Eire | 0.97 Punt / £ | Portugal | 230 Es / £ |
| France | 7.61 FFr / £ | Spain | 187.5 Pta / £ |
| Germany | 2.19 DM / £ | Sweden | 11.35 SKr / £ |
| Greece | 352 D / £ | Switzerland | 1.79 SFr / £ |

▼ Legal advice

Government's plans to tighten up on emissions

From 1 September there will be tighter MoT test standards

UNFORTUNATELY, many of the vehicles on the road now are not as new as they might be and, in view of the increased competition and keeping costs down, they are not as well maintained as used to be the case.

So, in many of our cities, we see buses emitting unpleasant gases into the atmosphere. So serious has this problem become that the Government intends to take immediate action over it.

From 1 September there will be tighter MoT test standards applied to such vehicles. At present the MoT test is designed to deal with serious problems and generally not to highlight emissions. It is intended the new test will incorporate a method of detecting and correcting this problem. Should there then be a breach, operators will subject themselves to a delayed prohibition and, in serious cases, for example, where the smoke emitted causes a fog, an immediate prohibition will be issued. A delayed prohibition takes effect

LAWLINE

Our regular column on legal matters by Anthony Ostrin



10 days after the issue of the notice, whereas an immediate prohibition means the vehicle must be taken off the road instantly. The operator will then have 14 days in

'In our cities, we see buses emitting unpleasant gases'

which to notify the Vehicle Inspectorate that corrective action has been taken, the MoT test passed and the prohibition cleared at the local police station. Failure to do

this will mean prosecution with severe penalties.

Furthermore, the lack of maintenance or a serious defect in the vehicle will automatically result in a prosecution and a prohibition order. Maximum fines in the case of using a vehicle which exceeds the prescribed emission will be £2,500 and for using a vehicle in contravention of a prohibition will be £5,000.

Additionally, operators may find themselves before the traffic commissioner at a public inquiry with a real possibility of having their licence revoked or suspended.

Operators are advised, at this stage, therefore, to ensure that their vehicles comply with the law, otherwise it will be a very costly business.

• Anthony Ostrin is a senior partner of Yaffe Jackson Ostrin, solicitors, of Liverpool (tel: 0151 236 5555) and principal of Bruce Weir Associates, solicitors, of London (tel: 0181 746 2015).

• CBW Green Special: ps25-30.

▼ Licensing

Minibus operator fails to show again

▼ MINIBUS operator Gordon Evans' licence was suspended indefinitely when, for the second time, he failed to attend a Cardiff disciplinary inquiry headed by South Wales traffic commissioner John Mervyn Pugh.

Consideration of disciplinary action against Mr Evans, who trades as Gordon's Minibus Services, of Fernlea, Upper Vaynor Road, Cefn Coed, Merthyr Tydfil, Mid Glamorgan, was adjourned in April when he failed to appear.

Mr Pugh said a number of convictions had been

recorded against Mr Evans and he needed to know if the fines had been paid.

He understood Mr Evans had told vehicle examiners his vehicle had been sold and he proposed to surrender the licence.

However, no such application had been made.

Unless Mr Evans sought to surrender his licence, or applied for the suspension to be lifted, in the next six weeks, the commissioner said he would consider revoking the licence and the possible banning of Mr Evans from holding a licence.

▼ Licensing

Former partner is granted a licence

▼ MAUREEN Stolzenberg has been granted an O-licence in her own name, trading as Llynfi Coaches, after the retirement of her former partner J V Gilbert.

Mrs Stolzenberg, of Queen Marys Lane, Maesteg, Mid Glamorgan, had applied for a new national licence authorising 13 single deckers and two minibuses at a Cardiff public inquiry before South Wales traffic commissioner John Mervyn Pugh.

The commissioner was told Mr Gilbert no longer had any participation in the enterprise and the intention was that eventually Mrs Stolzenberg would enter into a

▼ Licensing

Operator banned for five years

▼ COACH operator Sandra Robertson has been banned from holding or obtaining an O-licence for five years by Scottish traffic commissioner Michael Betts.

In March the commissioner revoked with immediate effect the three-vehicle licence held by Ms Robertson, who trades as Sandra's Coaches, of 45 Kimberley Street, Mountblow, Clydebank, when she failed to attend a Glasgow disciplinary inquiry.

The commissioner said that, in the circumstances, he could no longer be satisfied there were satisfactory arrangements in place for the maintenance of her vehicles.

He said he proposed to ban Ms Robertson but, before he considered that course, she was entitled to make representations about that proposal. He gave Ms Robertson 28 days in which to make such representations as she saw fit. In the absence of any reply forthcoming from Ms Robertson, Mr Betts has now decided to ban her for five years.

partnership with her husband David, the firm's current nominated transport manager.

Mr Pugh said it was an untidy situation but he would grant the licence on condition the licence held jointly with Mr Gilbert was surrendered.

Technically, the partnership did not exist, which made the existing licence illegal, so it was important that the situation was tidied up.

The commissioner made it clear that, if a new application was made in the name of Mr and Mrs Stolzenberg, the licence he was now granting would have to be surrendered.

CBW

MMC INVITES EVIDENCE ON THE ACQUISITION BY STAGECOACH HOLDINGS PLC OF AYRSHIRE BUS OWNERS (A1 SERVICE) LTD.



The Secretary of State for Trade and Industry has asked the Monopolies and Mergers Commission to inquire into the acquisition by Stagecoach Holdings plc of Ayrshire Bus Owners (A1 Service) Ltd. The Commission will study the possible effects on the market for bus services in parts of the Strathclyde and Dumfries & Galloway regions.

Anyone wishing to obtain a copy of the full terms of reference, or to submit evidence, should write to: The Reference Secretary (Stagecoach/A1 Service), Monopolies and Mergers Commission, New Court, 48 Carey Street, London, WC2A 2JT.

Any evidence should be submitted in writing, quoting reference "Stage/A1", by 30 June 1995, if possible.

FOCUSING ON THE PUBLIC INTEREST.

CABLES & CONTROLS

**Gear Change and
Throttle Cables made to OEM
specification.**

Sameday, No surcharge.

**For further Info
Contact Jim or Terry on
01623 440398**
(53834/P/CCB)

DAWSONRENTALS LTD
Flexible packages available on all makes....

- Operating Lease ● Hire Purchase
- Short-Term Rental ● Finance Lease
- Contract Hire ● Sale & Leaseback



Bus & Coach Division,
Delaware Drive, Tongwell,
Milton Keynes, Bucks MK15 8JH

Contact Dawn Riley
for Further Information
TEL: (01908) 218111

Salvador Caetano

NEW VEHICLES

Available from Stock or Early Delivery:

| | | | |
|----------------|------------------|---|---------------|
| VOLVO B10M | ALGARVE II, 3.5 | 49/53 recliners, centre toilet, double glazed | From £144,800 |
| MAN 18.370 | ALGARVE II, 3.5 | 49/53 recliners, centre toilet, double glazed | From £141,800 |
| DENNIS JAVELIN | ALGARVE II, 3.35 | 53 recliners or 57 fixed seats, double glazed | From £126,000 |
| MAN 11.190 | ALGARVE II | 35 recliners, double glazed, continental door | From £100,500 |
| TOYOTA | OPTIMO III | 18 and 21 seat GL | From £52,200 |
| TOYOTA HI-ACE | CAETANO LUX-ACE | 11 seat, PSV conversion | From £14,300 |

USED VEHICLE SELECTION

| | | | |
|-----------|---------------|----------------------|--|
| 1990 (G) | VOLVO B10M | ALGARVE 3.35 | 49/53 recliners, executive spec |
| 1990 (G) | MERCEDES 0303 | CHARISMA | 49/53 recliners, executive spec |
| 1990 (G) | DAF SB 2305 | ALGARVE (LOW DRIVER) | 53 recliners, courier seat, power door |
| 1989 (F) | VOLVO B10M | JONCKHEERE DEAUVILLE | 49 recliners, toilet, air conditioning |
| 1989 (PP) | VOLVO B10M | ALGARVE | 49 recliners, toilet, double glazed |
| 1989 (F) | DAF SB 2305 | ALGARVE (LOW DRIVER) | 49/53 recliners, power door |
| 1988 (PP) | DAF MB 230 | ALGARVE 3.5 | 51 recliners, toilet, berth |
| 1987 (D) | TIGER 260 | DUPLEX 340 | 51 recliners, toilet, Webasto |
| 1987 (PP) | DAF MB | ALGARVE | 51 recliners, toilet, Telma |
| 1986 (C) | DAF SB | BOVA FUTURA FLD | 53 recliners, double glazing |
| 1985 (B) | DAF SB 2300 | BERKHOF ESPRITE | 53 recliners, power door |
| 1985 (PP) | DAF MB 230 | VAN HOOGLAND | 51 recliners, rear toilet |
| 1984 (A) | BEDFORD YNT | WRIGHT CONTOUR | 53 seats, power door |

MINIBUS SELECTION

| | | | |
|----------|-----------|---------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1993 (K) | TOYOTA | OPTIMO II | 21 seats, power door, tinted windows |
| 1991 (J) | TOYOTA | OPTIMO II | 18 seats, power door, tinted windows |
| 1991 (H) | TOYOTA | OPTIMO I | 21 seats, power door, tinted windows |
| 1989 (G) | TOYOTA | OPTIMO I | 21 seats, power door, tinted windows |
| 1986 (C) | TOYOTA | OPTIMO I | 19 seats |
| 1988 (E) | MAN 8.136 | REEVE BURGESS | 32 seats, power door |

Full List Available on Request

Salvador Caetano

"The Complete Service"

Parts/Service – Accident Repairs

MILL LANE, HEATHER,
LEICESTERSHIRE LE67 2QE



Tel: 01530 263333
Fax: 01530 263379



ANTIQUE
CERTIFICATION
AGENTS

The year quoted denotes the date of first registration, not necessarily the year of manufacture.

Coach and Bus Week ending 17 June 1995

NEOPLAN NEW STOCK AVAILABLE

NEW NEOPLAN CITYLINERS

1 X NEOPLAN CITYLINER N/116/H/3
ENGINE: MAN D2866 LOH/07 - 370 HP
GEAR BOX: ZF 8 speed manual

1 X NEOPLAN CITYLINER N/116/H/3
ENGINE: Mercedes OM 402 LA 381 HP
twin turbo
GEAR BOX: ZF 8 speed manual
SPECIFICATION INCLUDES

50 Kiel R80 luxury reclining seats plus twin
courier with fold down arm rests
(adjustable foot rests)
Lap type seat-belt per seat
Tinted double glazing - with curtains
Centre continental door
Full air conditioning
Toilet washroom
Kitchen/modesty panel
(coffee/heater/boiler/basin)
Refrigerator below kitchen
Telma retarder
Lift/lower device
Drivers sleeping cabin
Refrigerator installed in dashboard
On board phone - 3 extensions
Folding tables to seat backs
Seat back nets
Waste disposal chute
Vehicle alarm system
Drivers safe welded in skeleton
Central locking for luggage flaps
Webasto with timer
Blaupunkt radio/PA/cassette
video system
Carpets to aisles and stairs
Tempo 100

2 X NEW NEOPLAN N212H JETLINERS

ENGINE: Daimler Benz OM 401
LA 290 HP (V.6)
GEARBOX: ZF S 6-85 Manual gearbox
SPECIFICATION INCLUDES
35 Kiel R80 luxury reclining seats plus
courier seat (adjustable foot rests)
Lap type seat-belt per seat
Tinted double glazing with curtains
Full air conditioning
Luggage compartment approx.
6 cubic metre
Washroom/toilet O/S rear
Kitchen with coffee machine
Lift/lower device
Refrigerator installed in dashboard
Folding tables to seat backs
Seat back nets
Vehicle alarm system
Drivers safe welded in skeleton
Central locking for luggage flaps
Blaupunkt radio/PA/cassette
Video system
Carpet to centre aisles and stairs
Tempo 100

2 X NEW NEOPLAN TRANSLINER SHD-

DENNIS JAVELIN 290 GX
ENGINE: Cummins 6CTAA Six
cylinder diesel 290 HP
GEAR BOX: ZF S6-85 six speed
Manual gear box
SPECIFICATION INCLUDES:
50 Kiel R80 luxury reclining seats plus
courier with fold down arm rests
Lap type seat-belt per seat
Tinted double glazing with curtains
One piece screen
Rear manual emergency exit continental door
O/S/R Sunken toilet
Kitchenette including water boiler and sink
Large fridge
Lift/lower device
Drivers bunk forward on front axle
Drivers safe welded into chassis
Central locking system for luggage flaps
Webasto heating and timer
Neoplan fully adjustable steering column
incorporated with new dash board
Blaupunkt radio/Pa/cassette
Carpet to centre aisle and stairs
Wired for TV/video
Tempo 100

SALES AREAS

Tony Clayton Northern Area & Scotland
(Home) **01909 473495** (Mobile) 0850 657590

Phil Cowdry South East & East Anglia
(Home) **01427 880445** (Mobile) 0585 264143

Peter Prime South West & Wales
(Home) **01934 822968** (Mobile) 0589 289469

Bill Povey Sales Director, Head Office & West Midlands
(Home) **01509 262220** (Mobile) 0860 811083

Carlton House, Euroway Estate, Hellaby Rotherham, South Yorkshire S66 8QL.

Euroway Estate, Junction 1, M18 Motorway, Rotherham.



Tel: 01709 700600
Fax: 01709 700007

SJ CARLTON
UK concessionaire for **NEOPLAN**

Q

I see vehicles going round all day with School Bus signs on permanent display. Is this legal? Surely it defeats the purpose of them if they are on show when the vehicle is not being used as a school bus?

GL, Perthshire

a

The law is contained in the Road Vehicles Lighting Regulations 1989 (S.I. 1989/1796) Regulation 17A. This regulation was inserted by Road Vehicles Lighting [Amendment] Regulation 1994 (S.I. 1994/2280).

It simply states when a school bus sign must be used. It does not include any ban on using it at other times. Indeed, I believe that, when consultation was taking place regarding these regulations, the industry, local authorities and schools made the case for not making it an offence to display such a sign when it was not legally required.

This was partly to avoid the risk of prosecution if, say, a driver simply forgot to remove it between journeys for which it was required, but also to permit these signs to be used by vehicles carrying schoolchildren in circumstances where no legal obligation arose to use them.

Having said that, I totally agree with your sentiments. Like hazard signs being displayed on motorways when no hazard exists, purposeless display will lead to contempt for these signs. I would go one stage further for I have seen these signs still on display when adults are being carried on excursions and private hires. Can operators really expect to market the concept of luxury coaches and quality hires and excursions when the vehicle carries a label, School Bus?

Q

Regarding the changes to the VAT Tour Operators' Margin Scheme due to come in to force next January: I see from press reports tour operators are saying the way this works will give an unfair advantage to air carriers who provide holidays using planes they own. Will coach operators operating tours with their own vehicles be better off under this new rule than tour companies who hire in transport?

MJ, Clwyd

a

Early reports of the changes to be made in the Tour Operators' Margin Scheme (TOMS) calculation from 1 January 1996 gave the impression that, instead of only that part of the margin earned from selling positively-rated items (eg accommodation) being liable for VAT, tax would be payable on all of the margin (ie including that earned from the sale of zero-rated coaching and ferry crossings). Customs & Excise has now published VAT Information Sheet 5/95 and this makes it clear VAT will be due on all of the margin (ie the 'mark-up') only on bought-in supplies.



Questions

&

Answers

Supplies of zero-rated transport which are made 'in-house', whether an airline providing its own planes or you providing your own coaches, as part of a package sold with a margin scheme supply (eg accommodation) are not affected by the change to TOMS.

Therefore, if your company uses its own coaches and sells packages containing only bought-in accommodation, the change in TOMS will have no effect whatsoever. But if such packages also include bought-in ferry crossings, there will be a slight increase in VAT due under TOMS arising out of the margin (or mark-up) on the ferry crossing.

Note the ferry crossing is zero rated and there is no tax due on the sale of the crossing as such, only on the proportion of the mark-up which is attributable to the sale of the ferry journeys. If, however, you were a tour operator, and bought-in all the elements of the package (ie the coach, the ferry and the accommodation), you would be liable to pay VAT under TOMS on the entire difference between the cost of buying-in these items and the sale price of the package.

As well as hitting tour operators who do not own their own coaches, this new TOMS rule will discriminate against PSV operators who have set up a coach operating company and a tour operating company, with the latter hiring vehicles from the former. For the tour operating company will have to pay TOMS VAT on the

Questions on coach and bus operation should be sent to:
Marksman, c/o Coach and Bus Week, Wentworth House, Wentworth Street, Peterborough PE1 1DS or fax 01733 62656
Marksman will answer more questions on 1 July

margin earned from hiring-in the coach from the sister company.

There may well be good reasons to have separate companies for coach operation and tour sales. I have, however, always advised against taking this step to simplify the TOMS calculation. The new scheme will, indeed, give a financial advantage to those who maximise the in-house supplies. The greatest beneficiaries will be those who own accommodation and the means of transporting passengers.

Q

You seem to get a lot of questions about split daily rest. I quite understand it involves having a total of 12 hours rest instead of 11 and that it can be split into two or three parts as long as they are at least an hour long and one of at least eight hours. This long block has to fall at the end of the working day. What I do not get is the point of it. What use is it?

SR, Lancs

a

The basic rule is that, in each working day, which can be any period of up to 24 hours when single manning, there has to be a daily rest period of 11 hours. However, this can be reduced to nine hours on three occasions in any week but any reduction has to be compensated by the end of the next week. What is more, this compensation has to be attached to a daily rest period of at least eight hours and, if the driver requests it, the compensation has to be at his home base.

Remember rest is defined as a period of at least an hour when a driver is not working. Consequently, by utilising the split-rest rule, any rest taken during the day can count as part of that day's rest total.

It is like giving compensation in advance and wherever the driver happens to be rather than at his home base and without having to attach it to another eight-hour rest period. A single hour of rest during the day is neither here nor there with split daily rest because the daily total goes up to 12. But a rest of just 1½ hours during the day will reduce the necessary end of day rest to 10½ - with no need to worry about compensation.

So, if a driver has three hours rest during the day, in one or two blocks of at least an hour each, only nine hours is needed at the end of the day - not only without attracting the burdens of compensation, but also without limit on the number of times this can be done in a week. Indeed, as long as the necessary four hours rest can be scheduled between work during the course of each day, it is theoretically possible for a driver to only have eight hours rest between working days on every day of the week.

It is a device which considerably increases the flexibility of legal working. That's the use of it! But do note that, while I said my most extreme example was possible in theory, it has to be questioned whether any responsible and caring employer would expect drivers to work to that sort of schedule - even if it is attainable in practice.

CBW



The local operator might disagree with the magistrate...

Conflicting verdicts

A WOMAN given a one-year driving ban by a magistrate also received an apology from him - because he said the town's public transport system wasn't up to scratch.

Claudia Possamai, 23, of Bedford pleaded guilty to drink driving. She had been stopped by police for driving an overloaded car and exceeding the speed limit.

As well being forced to find alternative means of transport for the next 12 months, Ms Possamai was fined £200 and ordered by magistrate, Roger Davies, at Horseferry Road Magistrates to pay £40

costs. However, on passing sentence, he said: "I am sorry to hear all this but I have to disqualify you from driving for at least a year. I know it can be difficult using public transport, especially in Bedfordshire. I know the area."

But Bedfordshire county engineers department spokesman Tony Edwards said: "Obviously the magistrate is not a local public transport user."

"We would like to send him a bus map so he can see what we have on offer. I am sure he would find our system as good as others he uses."

Search on to find maker's oldest working battery

THE hunt is on for the battery which has clocked up the most impressive service life. Tungstone batteries of Market Harborough has launched a nationwide search to find the oldest working battery that carries the Oldham, Tungstone or Crompton name.

And when that battery finally decides

it can no longer take charge of its responsibilities, Tungstone hopes its owner will donate it to a museum planned for the company's headquarters.

So far, retired engineer, Cyril James of Bognor Regis, has established the benchmark for battery life expectancy. The battery in his Mark II Ford Escort has clocked

up 13 years continuous service.

If you know of an older battery that can still spark an engine into life, get in touch with Linda Johnson at Tungstone Batteries, Lathkill Street, Market Harborough, Leicestershire LE16 9EZ. There's a free replacement battery for the winner and the runner-up.

CBW

KIRKBY
Coach & Bus

NEW
VEHICLES
AVAILABLE
FOR
HIRE



RETAILERS OF PLAXTON COACHES & BUSES

4 BENEFITS OF SHORT TERM HIRE

- 1 MEET SEASONAL DEMAND** - flexibly and cost effectively and without losing out to sub-contractors.
- 2 FIXED MONTHLY PAYMENTS** - control your cash flow effectively at this vital time of the year. Remember rental payments are also allowable against tax.
- 3 NO LARGE CAPITAL OUTLAY** - short term hire gives you a quality vehicle with minimum outlay. In addition Residual value is our risk not yours.
- 4 CHOOSE THE RENTAL PERIOD** - from one to twelve months as you require.

"IT'S YOURS WHEN YOU WANT IT, IT'S OURS WHEN YOU DON'T."

Kirkby Coach & Bus has a wide range of quality new and used vehicles available for hire now. Why not let us help you smooth over the peaks and troughs of demand this season ... ?

FOR FULL DETAILS ON OUR FULL RANGE, TELEPHONE
01909 551166

CROSSROADS, ANSTON, SHEFFIELD. S31 7ES FAX: 01909 567994



A

lways better - and arguably the best - is how we confidently perceive our highly competitive glass stocks and associated services.

A very large proportion of our glass is sourced from Triplex - part of the long established Pilkington manufacturing group.

We provide a nationwide delivery service using our own vans.

FAST & EFFICIENT FITTING SERVICE AT ALL BRANCHES.

 **Triplex**

Our prices will always be highly competitive and our customers can be assured of consistently high quality products.

BUS

PARTS



Birmingham: 0121 524 1200 Bristol: 0117 971 6071

London: 01932 569177



PILKINGTON

• **free nationwide delivery**

**LETTER OF
THE WEEK**

The powers of examiners

From Alan Campbell

You included (CBW, 20 May) a reference to the powers of traffic examiners and vehicle examiners on the Marksman Q&A page.

In fact, traffic examiners do have prohibition powers, as in law they are not differentiated from vehicle examiners. They have long issued overloading prohibitions (albeit rarely to PSVs) but, in practice, have not issued roadworthiness prohibitions. Conversely, vehicle examiners normally issue prohibitions but rarely institute prosecutions.

This difference in approach is recognised and we are now proposing that vehicle examiners will institute prosecutions for some roadworthiness defects, as well as issuing prohibitions. Traffic examiners will start to issue prohibitions, in accordance with the categorisation of defects, for any defects they find - there are no plans, however, for traffic ex-

aminers to carry out "full" roadworthiness inspections.

Neither of these changes will come into effect until both groups of examiners have received appropriate training.

The article also made reference to the Vehicle Inspection Notice, PGDN35. This should be issued in appropriate cases by vehicle examiners where they have carried out a defect-free full spot check. It would not be issued in the case of a limited inspection (eg an emissions-only check). Similarly, traffic examiners would not issue the notice as their roadworthiness check would be of a cursory nature.

I hope this clarifies the points raised.

Alan Campbell
Road Transport Enforcement Division
Vehicle Inspectorate
Bristol

China but increasing prosperity in parts of the country means that additional services providing a higher standard of comfort at higher fares are now required in several cities. The vehicles used for such services range from minibuses (also crew operated!) to double deckers.

E. Keith Lloyd
Freemantle
Southampton
Hants



Decker photographed in Shanghai, China, by E Keith Lloyd

Scourge of poor wages

From Peter Gibson

The letter (CBW, 27 May) on the issue of wages, does, I am sure, reflect the disgust at the results of the depression of hourly wage levels throughout the coach and bus-driving workforce. I was recently forced to give up

I suspect they are built under a joint venture with a German manufacturer, but I have no details as to how much of the bus is manufactured in China and how much is assembled from parts imported. The buses seat more than 90 and stand as many as can cram on. They are crew operated with two conductresses in addition to the driver (labour is cheap in the PRC!) and several were in all-over-advert liveries. The route on which I travelled was the ZX55 operating from Wu Jiao Chang in the north-east of the city to Nan Pu Daqiao, one of the two modern high-level bridges across the River Pu.

Incidentally ZX is an abbreviation for zhuan xian, the pinyin romanization of Chinese characters meaning "special line". Standee single deckers (often articulated) continue to provide the majority of the city bus services in

**Write to: The Editor
Coach and Bus Week**

EMAP Response Publishing

Wentworth House
Wentworth Street,
Peterborough, PE11DS
or fax 01733 62656



The editor is always pleased to receive letters for publication in *Coach and Bus Week* and will, if requested, publish these anonymously. But please attach your full name (ie first name and surname) and address for our information.



Letter of the week wins a Corgi Classics model bus

bus driving after 24 years in London. It is now very rare for drivers to reach retirement age while driving in service in London. The physical and mental stress results in early or medical retirement.

The low hourly rates of pay force drivers to work longer and longer hours - often in excess of that which the law allows - so as to take enough to earn a living and keep a roof over the family's head. Yet bus driving on London's congested streets requires a high degree of alertness and skill. This cannot be maintained if you are driving nine to 10 hours per day for six days a week.

The degree of commitment and pride that there used to be in being a London bus driver has disappeared with the increasing pressure put on to them to earn more than the basic pay. In my own garage at least three drivers gave up work because, with a family of three or four children, they could not afford to work as a bus driver in London.

Your correspondent is quite right to report that "many regular experienced drivers are leaving the industry because of poor wages." What is even worse is that their places are being taken by much younger drivers with little if any commitment and little experience. That may produce a better balance sheet in the short run, but must produce a loss of public confidence in the long run.

Peter Gibson
West Croydon
Surrey

Lack of organisation

From Anthony Hill

I was very pleased to read Steve Whiteway's letter regarding the UK Coach Rally. I entered two drivers in this event in 1994 and was also appalled at the lack of organisation and professionalism. I think safety should be given a very high profile at the so-called premier event in our industry's calendar and, after last year's event, I sent a lengthy letter to the organiser, Coach Displays Ltd, and had the feeling it would fall on deaf ears, as your letter proves it did.

When I approached Mr Cousins of Coach Displays on the Saturday night, after the evening meal, about my concerns about the way the driving tests were set out and about the marshalling, which in 1994 was being done by teenagers under the so-called supervision of a gentleman in T-shirt and jeans, all I was told was "I am nothing to do with coaching, my job and profession is plumbing and central heating." Well! surely this speaks volumes.

Should this yearly event not be put together by respected and professional people from within the industry who are in touch with public feelings towards the industry? This I believe could be easily achieved by the industry selecting a committee and, who knows, maybe the Coach Rally might be able to show a small profit as Mr Cousins reckons he has had to put funds into it for the past few years.

Anthony Hill
Impact
Ealing
London W13

Show us your bus

From Dr Martin Isles

I have read with interest the recent articles on the stalwart vehicles which operators have kept in fine fettle for many years and which still earn an honest crust. The vehicles concerned are a credit to their operators and manufacturers.

Some of these vehicles turn up each year at our annual Showbus rally to rub shoulders with the large numbers of preserved buses and coaches present and to cast an eye at more modern equipment, which somehow lacks the same sort of character.

I would like to invite the many correspondents, who have been proudly telling of their elderly charges, to a day out at Showbus, at the Imperial War Museum near Cambridge on Sunday 24 September. It seems these doyens of yesteryear deserve the opportunity to get together and reminisce of days gone by.

Of course, we welcome entries of all types of coach and bus, and the event adds a lot extra to the usual Duxford excursion. We expect around

300 entrants, 100 stalls selling all sorts of bus paraphernalia and a crowd of over 7,000. For an entry pack and full details contact Dave Reid at 'Inglewood', Bovingdon Green, Marlow SL7 2JH, or fax/phone me on 01494 558147.

Dr Martin Isles
High Wycombe
Bucks

Question answered

From Richard Delahoy

Writing about the GM Buses South's Dennis Falcon Merc-engined decker, Howard Piltz asks where else in the world one can find one? He answers his own question earlier in the article, with a reference to Hong Kong. Kowloon Motor Bus operates 41 Mercedes double deckers, based on 11-metre 0305 chassis.

The first went to Hong Kong in 1983 as a demonstrator and was bought by KMB, which subsequently ordered a further 40, all fitted with Alexander bodies.

They are fitted with the OM407H horizontal rear underfloor engine and further details can be found in Mike Davis' excellent book on KMB, recently published.

I believe similar buses may also exist in Singapore and in South Africa.

Richard Delahoy
Southend on Sea
Essex

Mercs in Hong Kong

From John May

I enclose enclosed a photograph taken on a visit to Hong Kong in November 1993 which should answer the question (rhetorical?) on page 30 (CBW, 3 June). The bodies are by Walter Alexander as per your news item on page 18.

John May
Ashford
Middlesex



Hong Kong Merc-engined decker (Photo by John May)

Could we be first?

From Sholto Thomas

While not wishing to detract from Solent Blue Line's enterprise at providing its crewed-operations with new vehicles (CBW, 27 May), we too operate M-registered buses with conductors as part of our high-frequency and tightly-timed Dundee Carnoustie Arbroath network.

These services utilise 25 conductors from Dundee and Arbroath depot with Leyland Olympians and MCW Metrobuses being the usual stock. However, in March this year, two new Dennis Darts were introduced on two of the less heavily-used vehicle diagrams. Could we stake a claim for Britain's newest single-deck conductored buses?

And, the morning peak currently sees a conductor board a month-old Northern Counties-bodied Volvo Olympian on a Montrose-Dundee journey to speed its progress between Arbroath and Dundee.

Sholto Thomas
Commercial director
Strathtay Bus & Coach

What law and order?

From David Wayman

So thousands of speeding vehicle drivers are going to be let off (CBW, 27 May, M25: police back down) even though the police have the evidence ready-made.

And here was I thinking we had a Government of law and order that meant everything it said and was free from any suggestion of double standards and hypocrisy, especially when it came to punishing law-breakers. I'll just have to revise my opinion.

David Wayman
Oldham Transport Users Forum
Lancs

No knocking copy

From Professor John Hibbs

Why do bus company managers permit 'knocking copy' in bus advertisements? Only too often they promote their own competitor, the private car. Maxwell House does not advertise Typhoo tea on its coffee jars!

Now we have advertisement for Talk Radio UK, which implies that buses are slow. Have commercial managers in the industry never heard of a subliminal message? The bus industry needs desperately to raise its image in the public eye, not to undermine itself through not taking thought.

Professor John Hibbs
University of Central England
Birmingham



Tankmaster Limited

Leading Suppliers of
fuel monitoring
equipment of the
Coach & Bus Industry

47 The Avenue
Starbeck
Harrogate
HG1 4QB

Tel. 01423 886644
Fax. 01423 885948

Do you store fuel...?

Problems with stock...?

COMPACT



Call Robert Illsley

Squires & Knight

LIMITED

Mechanical, Electrical and
Diesel Specialists

Engines supplied, overhauled
and repaired.

Cummins, Gardner, Leyland etc.

For example, Cummins L10
complete overhaul £2,200*

* Tel. Jimmy Squires or
Terry Hunt for details

82 King Street, Rochester, Kent ME1 1YD.
Tel. (01634) 841651 Fax. 829494

or

Commercial Workshops and Tachograph Centre

Fenn Corner, St. Mary's Hoo, Kent ME3 8RF.
Tel. (01634) 270772 Fax. 270978

(56279/P/VEH)

Remanufactured, guaranteed
MERCEDES ENGINES
uk's no.1 specialist for 20 years

- Fast nationwide delivery
- Vehicle collection/engine fitting
- 12 months unlimited warranty

**CALL NOW FOR
FREE INFO PACK!**

01270 526333

Warmingham Road, Warmingham, Crewe, Cheshire, CW1 4PQ

Crewe Engines



**FACT.
NOT FICTION.**

The ABC allows professional buyers and sellers of advertising space in Business Publications to buy and sell better. It does so by providing an independent, authoritative circulation audit that is the single most obvious indicator of a magazine's self esteem and a publisher's confidence in his title.

An ABC certificate is your

guarantee of integrity. So, if your next schedule includes titles that aren't audited - ask why.

For details of ABC's activities relating to the Business Press and the benefits to be gained from ABC membership contact Trevor Foley, Business Press Manager, on 0442 870800.



Audit Bureau of Circulations Ltd., Black Prince Yard, 207-209 High Street, Berkhamsted, Herts., HP41AD. Tel: 0442 870800 Fax: 0442 877998

Coach and Bus Week ending 17 June 1995

Profit from the environment

In today's climate of awareness of green issues car = bad, PSV = not bad

“KILL congestion and don't choke Britain," said transport minister Stephen Norris at last week's launch of the *Don't Choke Britain* campaign, aimed at encouraging public awareness of the effects of congestion on the environment and the vitality of cities (CBW, 10 June).

In addition CBW's news pages included the story of the green lane initiative in Cleveland.

This £1.1 million scheme is the first comprehensive bus green route to be implemented in the United Kingdom and is part of the county council's initiative to: "Think before you set out... Do I need to use the car?"

Commenting on the *Don't Choke Britain* campaign, which runs throughout this month, Mr Norris said: "This campaign to get more people to leave their cars at home and to use public transport gets bigger every year, with more and more local authorities encouraging the casual car user to get on a bus or a train. The level of interest in this campaign does not surprise me as many people experience the first hand effects of vehicle pollution every day."

Meanwhile, minister of railways and roads, John Watts, has welcomed the Rural Roads report published by the Countryside Commission. He says this report on roads in the countryside is a valuable contribution to the

ongoing debate on the future of transport policy. The report sets out the commissioner's ideal for the future of rural roads, and contains detailed advice on how to minimise the impact on the countryside.

Yet this is just one week in the life of CBW. But it serves as a sample of the growing trend towards environmental awareness which is the trigger for a growth in coach and bus passenger numbers.

If the coach and bus industry can come up with the answers it has a golden opportunity to capitalise on the opportunities being opened up.

Some of the changes are being forced by a swing in public awareness. Others are being pushed by legislation.

However, the sum total is a move which is of immense significance for the industry at large.

Given the right solutions, the conditions are starting to emerge whereby the coach and bus industry is in a position to supply the answers - and make profit.

This eight-page CBW green special looks at some of the initiatives which point the way forward.

But, before you move forward, remember the warning on page 16 about changes in the MoT scheduled for September and do our quick test on your environmental knowledge (right).

Green on green issues?

Test your knowledge with this CBW quiz

1. Your fitter throws a plastic shrink-wrap from a delivery of spare parts on to a pile in the corner of the yard. How long does it take to biodegrade?

- A - 25 years?
- B - 50 years?
- C - 100 years?

2. Which fuel does the least damage to the environment?

- A - Diesel?
- B - Petrol?
- C - Neither?

3. What proportion of car journeys are under two miles and could be avoided by walking or taking the bus?

- A - 15 per cent?
- B - 25 per cent?
- C - 35 per cent?

4. You operate an older coach or bus which is not fitted with a Euro 1 engine. What action should you take?

- A - Have it re-engined when ready for an overhaul?
- B - Take the vehicle on a long non-stop run to clean up the engine?
- C - Keep it well serviced and use it less?

5. What is the most environmentally-friendly way to dispose of used engine oil?

- A - Pour it down a drain?
- B - Dig a large hole in the ground and tip it in?
- C - Have it collected and taken to a local authority collection point?

● Give yourself marks out of 10 for your answers:

- question one - A=5, B=10, C=5;
- question two - A=0, B=5, C=10;
- question three - A=0, B=0, C=10;
- question four - A=10, B=0, C=10;
- question five - A=0, B=0, C=10.

Air monitor

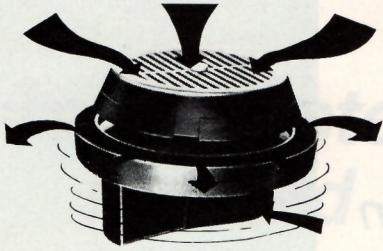
THE Department of Environment has awarded TBV Science a £3 million contract to run the UK automatic urban air quality monitoring programme. This contract also involves a substantial expansion of the monitoring network to include up to 80 sites across Britain in 1997.

Faced with widespread concern about air quality and wanting to initiate an informed debate about the problem, the Department of the Environment commissioned a network of urban air quality monitoring stations, initially in 12 cities. Experienced in automatic air quality monitoring since 1975, TBV Science (with TBV Stanger, part of Tarmac Professional Services) won the original contract and set up and managed the stations from 1992 to 1994.



Cleveland green lane initiative first comprehensive bus green route in UK

FLETTNER '2000' ROTARY VENTILATOR



- Easily Installed
- No Noise
- Strongly Built
- Weatherproof
- No Running Costs
- Maintenance Free

Stay alert with the **Flettner '2000'** - a highly efficient, wind-driven rotary extractor fan. Removes stale air, odours and prevents stuffiness from recirculated air where air-conditioning is used. The slightest breeze will activate the ventilator even while the bus or coach is parked.



FLETTNER VENTILATOR LTD, Dept C1
2 Basing Hill, London NW11 8TH
Tel: 0181 455 7469 or 0181 209 0986.
Fax: 0181 209 1539

TRIPLE EEE Manufacturers of Energy Saving Additives for Petrol, Derv and all grades of Fuel Oil.

DIESELS DESERVE D2000

for

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

(reduced smoke and emissions)

ECONOMICAL ADVANTAGE

(improved m.p.g. and availability)

EFFICIENT OPERATION

(cleaner engines, less rebuilds)

Manufactured and distributed by:
Triple E (UK) Ltd, Triple-E Building,
Lyon Industrial Estate, Moss Road, Kearsley,
Bolton BL4 8TR.
Telephone (01204) 708090

GARDNER

Engineering Excellence

- New & Remanufactured Automotive Engines including "Green" versions
- Genuine Gardner Engine Overhaul Kits (Standard & "Green")
- Genuine Gardner Parts
- Genuine Gardner Service Exchange Units



L. Gardner & Sons Ltd.
Barton Hall, Hardy Street
Patricroft, Eccles
Manchester M30 7WA
Tel: 0161 789 2201 Fax: 0161 787 7549

125 YEARS
GARDNER
1868 - 1993



LEYLAND ENGINE SPECIALISTS



ENGINES BUILT AND DYNOSTESTED BY EXPERIENCED PROFESSIONALS WHO CARE ABOUT QUALITY AND AFTER SALES SERVICE

Actionform Ltd
01902 714242



Sweden's SL on the road to an alternative fuel

It looks like a conventional bus, but this Scania is running on fuel produced from decomposing vegetable matter

Sof Stockholm has been a pioneer among transport companies in trying out new technologies and alternative fuels with a view to reducing or preferably eliminating exhaust gas emissions.

Its fleet of around 1,600 buses has always been run on low-sulphur diesel and in recent years several vehicles of its fleet have been testing alternative fuels: ethanol; gas; electricity; flywheel; and pressure accumulator technology.

After extensive preparatory work, the world's first trial with ethanol-powered buses began in April 1990. Close collaboration was required between bus manufacturer, Scania and SEKAB Foundation, the fuel producer.

All the buses had oxidising exhaust gas catalytic converters.

The aim was to catalytically burn up all

EXHAUST EMISSIONS

COMPARISON BETWEEN DIESEL AND ETHANOL

| | NOx | CO | HC | Particulates |
|---------|-----|-----|------|--------------|
| Ethanol | 3.8 | 0.1 | 0.09 | 0.05 |
| Diesel | 6.3 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 |

the aldehydes typical of ethanol exhaust gases. Other oxidisable pollutants were burned at the same time.

SL says the results have been satisfactory, but it wants even better combustion because, under certain operating conditions, the catalytic converter does not ignite, giving rise to a smell that some passengers find unpleasant.

The fuel was 95 per cent ethanol. It works in the same way as a diesel fuel by virtue of an organic chemical compound, Avocet, which increases the readiness of the ethanol to ignite in the engine. Raising the compression

ratio of the engine means that only two per cent Avocet need be added.

The 32 ethanol buses are still in service on inner-city routes in Stockholm.

They have been more reliable than the normal diesel buses and maintenance costs have been comparable. Fuel consumption is about one litre per kilometre compared with 0.6 litre per kilometre for the diesel buses.

In addition ethanol costs more than diesel which, in Sweden, is subject to a kilometre tax. Also the vehicles are taxed differently. Consequently an ethanol bus driven 40,000 km per year cost an additional SEK 32,420 (£2,879) per year.

However, this higher operating cost could be reduced by bulk purchase economies and it needs to be related to the total annual running cost of a bus in SL service - SEK 1.5 million (£133,315). Fuel is between five and seven per cent of that total.

What is ethanol?

- Ethanol, which is simply ordinary alcohol, is a bio-fuel produced in Sweden by fermenting and distilling raw material rich in starch or sugar.

Wood waste/cellulose, straw, potatoes, grain, sugar beet and even domestic refuse

can be used as raw materials.

- To enable the ethanol to be used in diesel engines, certain substances must be added to enhance ignition and prevent corrosion.
- The energy content of ethanol is relatively low, so more ethanol than diesel fuel is

needed to power a bus.

- Ethanol has a low flashpoint and must be handled with the same care as petrol.

- Modifications must be made to combustion chambers, induction and exhaust systems and fuel system.

>>>

Compressed natural gas - the future - but not for buses

VOLVO argues that many of the perceived problems with diesel come from the generally poor quality of fuel supplied to operators. It points out that, while in Swedish diesel, sulphur content is now as low as 10 parts per million, the European standard is 2,000 ppm. Switching to a 'green' diesel reduces particulates by 25 per cent, NOx by 10 per cent, hydrocarbons by between five and 50 per cent and sulphur-dioxide by 99 per cent.

It is far easier to remove harmful elements from the fuel before it goes into the vehicle than it is to deal with them between combustion and their exit from the tailpipe but, as in the case of unleaded petrol, oil companies are reluctant to raise refining costs without carrot-and-stick fiscal incentives.

Also, much of the poor image of diesel results from the continuing presence of elderly vehicles. Typical NOx emissions from a mid-1970s turbocharged engine stood at 24 g/kW/h. By 1985, the introduction of intercooler engines had reduced this figure to 10 g/kW/h. Euro 2 engines with advanced diesel technology will see this figure down to just over five g/kW/h by the end of 1995.

Performance with other problem pollutants is similar or better. Volvo claims that its FH engine can reduce particulate emissions to the same level as those of the best biomass fuels when a green diesel is used. Advancing engine technology means that pollution from the production of diesel will actually exceed the pollution from its consumption in the future.

The advantage of natural gas (methane) is that, unlike diesel and other hydrocarbon fuels, it has a simple molecular structure rather than a long chain. With suitable exhaust after-treatment, the engine's emissions consist largely of relatively harmless forms of hydrocarbon (no long chain molecules) CO₂ and water vapour.

Richard Simpson visits Gothenburg in Sweden and takes a look at gas buses in action



Filling tanks with CNG can be a slow process

On the downside, diesel vehicles require extensive modification if they are to run on compressed natural gas, including the fitment of spark ignition, a complete new fuel system including pressure tanks, regulators, a fuel heater and mixer and a wastegate turbocharger.

Methane is a greenhouse gas in itself, as well as being a fossil fuel, and leakage from the extraction and distribution system means that it is not particularly green as far as global warming is concerned.

However, in countries like the UK, where there is a domestic and industrial distribution system in virtually every settlement capable of supporting a bus depot, its other disadvantages can all be overcome.

Methane is also produced as a renewable biogas from rotting organic material, including domestic rubbish, sewage, animal dung and vegetable matter. Burning it, whether in an engine or otherwise, is actually less harmful than venting it direct to the atmosphere, although collection can pose obvious problems. The amounts produced could not make a significant impact on energy consumption as a whole.

Volvo thinks the future lies with cleaner and greener diesel engines. Compressed natural gas (CNG) also has a significant role to play



Pumping station raises pressure to 200 bar so more gas can be carried

Gas: fuel of for everyone

in fuelling urban buses. It has a fleet of compressed natural gas-powered buses running in its home city of Gothenburg, (one of which toured Britain some 18 months ago) and is to offer CNG power on its B10L low-floor bus as a line-fit option in Britain.

Many modifications are required to a standard diesel engine if it is to run on compressed natural gas. The operator will also have to install complex fuelling facilities.

Gothenburg's municipal operator installed a compressor house to raise the gas pressure from four bar to 200 bar to enable a useful amount of gas to be carried in comparatively low-volume vehicle tanks. The working pressure for gas on the vehicle is 10 bar, and this is controlled by a regulator.

After leaving the regulator, the gas is warmed in a heat exchanger to 80°C by the engine coolant (drivers complain of rough running until the unit has reached working temperature).

It then passes into a gas/air mixer, is compressed by the turbocharger, and flows through a driver-controlled throttle and an intercooler before it reaches the engine's combustion chamber.

The gas/air mix has a high octane rating (130 RON), which means that compression ratio is at 12.7:1 - high for a spark-ignition engine. Ignition timing varies between 7 and 20 degrees BTDC, and each cylinder has its own coil, with Volvo car components being used. Spark plugs are Champion catalogue items, but have precious metal electrodes and cost substantially more than standard components, as a good fat spark is needed to get the gas to burn. A complex engine management system controls the whole process.

After combustion, the exhaust is ejected through the turbine of the wastegate-controlled turbocharger before passing through a combined catalyst and silencer to the atmosphere.

The engine itself is based on Volvo's standard 10-litre bus unit. Technical differences include:

- Removal of all diesel equipment (injectors, fuel pumps etc)
- Fitting a spark ignition system



Roof-mounted composite tanks hold enough gas for 400 kilometres

- Compression ratio reduced from 19:1 to 12.7:1
- New camshaft, valves and turbocharger with wastegate for better bottom-end power
- Electronic engine management
- Gas fuel system
- Oxidation catalyst exhaust

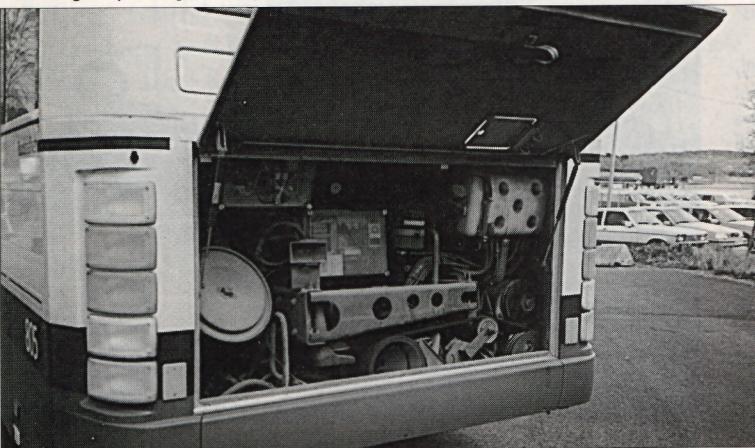
Performance-wise, the unit has a wider torque spread than its diesel equivalent but lower peak output. It is less fuel-efficient than a diesel, but better than a petrol unit of the same size would be.

Fuel storage on the vehicle is another difficulty. Early examples, including the demonstrator sent to the UK, had 15 roof-mounted steel gas tanks with a total empty weight of around one tonne. Later buses use six or seven tanks in the same location, of a lighter composite aluminium inner/glass fibre outer composite construction.

This weighs about half of what the original layout did, and holds sufficient fuel for 400-kilometre operation in city traffic. Volvo accepts that, unlike diesel tanks, the gas reservoirs will require periodic testing.

UK market vehicles will be based on the B10L low floor bus. Volvo already has three good potential sales leads for the vehicle, which will carry fuel in the roof space over the low-floor area at the front. Removal of the chassis-mounted diesel tank allows an extra seat to be fitted. Price will be around 25 per cent more than a standard vehicle.

CBW



Standard diesel engine has spark ignition and other mods

**MOSELEY**

Coach Stop's Cherub stunner

Essex woman selects colour-co-ordinated livery for new air-conditioned Bova Futura FHD

THIS stunning livery in blue and white - with the mounted Cherub and rainbow lettering - draws attention to Gail Hopes' Coach Stop Bova Futura FHD, supplied by Moseley PCV.

The luxury 49-seater has air conditioning, tinted

by Mark Williams

double-glazing, drinks machine, centre toilet and ZF retarder. It will be used on every facet of Coach Stop work, including tours and private hire.

"As with all our vehicles, the livery is a one-off, dedicated to the vehicle.

I don't think that stands in the way of getting a market identity," said Miss Hopes. "Not only that, all of the interiors are co-ordinated with the livery.

"I always specify air conditioning because I believe it will be the standard in less than five years."

CAETANO

First MAN Algarve

WIDE Horizon Coaches of Hinckley, Leicestershire, has the first MAN 18.370/Algarve II to be delivered to a UK operator. At the handover Reg Clarke (right) and Jonathan Clarke (centre) collected the keys from John Walker, Salvador Caetano UK's regional sales executive.

The coach is the latest to join the 16-vehicle fleet and will be used on the company's Continental and British tours. Private hire, day excursions and local bus services are also operated.

**SCANIA**

Tours plan for Voel's Scanias

FIRST Scanias for Voel Coaches of Dyerth near Rhyl, Clwyd, are two with Van Hool coachwork. The new vehicles are mounted on K113CRB underframes which are equipped with Telma retarder and Comfort Shift gearbox.

Voel's Van Hool Alizee HE bodies are fitted with 49 reclining seats, courier seat, toilet, drinks machine and TV/video.

The company operates 21 coaches and the latest pair are destined for UK and European tour work.

CBW

DENNIS

112 with four Darts!



Plaxton Pointers headed for R&I's London Transport route

R&I Tours of London is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year and its Acton-based London bus operation, R&I

by Mike Morgan

Buses, has taken delivery of four Plaxton Pointer-bodied Dennis Darts as part of a medium-term fleet

replacement.

The new vehicles operate on London Transport Buses



tendered service 112 between Brent Cross Shopping Centre and Ealing Broadway. They are 40-seaters certified to carry 15 standees.

A further fleet addition for R&I Buses is the

Marshall-bodied Dennis Dart (left), again with 40 seats, 15 standees and pushchair/ shopping trolley pens. This Cambridge-built bus is destined for LTB's Finchley Road C12 route.



YEATES

Three Optimo IIIs

EXCELSIOR of Bournemouth has three Toyota Optimo IIIs among its new vehicle intake for the 1995 season. The trio has been supplied by Yeates of Loughborough, the Volvo-owned dealership, in Excelsior's cream and red livery.

They have 18-seat bodywork built by Salvador Caetano in Portugal on Toyota Coaster chassis shipped from Toyota in Japan.

Eighteen reclining seats have been specified by Excelsior which also required radio/ PA/ cassette.

BERKHOF

Man City's motor

THE latest addition to the EYMS Group-owned Finglands Coachways of Rusholme, Manchester is a Berkhof Excellence 1000LD-bodied Volvo B10M GL.

With a specification that includes 49 recliners, centre sunken Shades Technics fresh water toilet, Continental door, double glazing, fridge, water boiler, central locking, anti-theft alarm, video equipment and seatbelts throughout, it is finished in Finglands white livery with gold-orange-brown relief. The specification is further improved with optional tables and reduced seating capacity for use by Finglands clients, including Manchester City Football Club. **CBW**



And you read it first right here

We look back through the pages of your top PSV industry news magazine to remind you of the stories that made the headlines

▼ 10 years ago...

Preparing for dereg

EN YEARS ago in June 1985 **Marksmen** was preparing the ground for deregulation which was still a distant dream - though less than 16 months away. He concluded his On Target column by saying: "Although we are seen as entering an era of competition, I hope that it will also be a time when greater co-operation and con-

sultation between operators becomes the norm."

On the news front **Youngs of Rampion** had taken the first DAF SB3000 with Jonckheere Jubilee P599 bodywork from Roeselare Sales of Northampton. **City of Oxford** had selected Ray Stenning's livery design for its £110,000 MCW Metroliner deckers and **Bebb of South Wales** bought eight Duple Laser-bodied Bedford YNTs.



1985: **Bebb** bought eight Duple Lasers with Bedford YNT chassis

▼ Five years ago...

Acquisitive Badgerline bids for Wessex

IVE YEARS ago **Badgerline** had made a bid to buy 35-coach **Wessex of Bristol** as the acquisitive group sought to rival Stagecoach for the title of being the UK's biggest private coach and bus group.

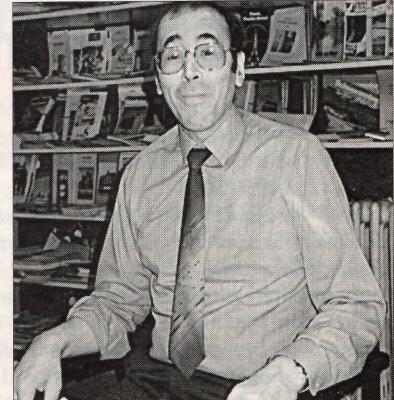
In the same year the first new coaches for a privatised **Scottish Bus Group** company were being handed over to **Lowland Scottish** and the one-year-old **Coach Tourism Council** announced plans for its first Coaching for Pleasure Day.

CTC chairman, **Gerry Topiol** said: "We need to counter-balance the negative images of road accidents and get the public seeing the positive aspects of coach travel."



1990: **Badgerline** bids for **Wessex**, and **Topiol's** warning

CBW



▼ A year ago...

Compulsory seatbelt call from MacGregor

NE YEAR ago **CBW** reported that a strike by **British Rail** signalmen had brought a short-term bonanza for coach and bus operators.

Badgerline had placed its £60 million 'order of the decade' which included 339 Plaxton Pointer-bodied Dennis Darts.

Stagecoach spent £6 million on 340-vehicle Western Scottish and London Buses privatisation was still at the starting blocks with first sale scheduled for the end of September.

Meanwhile, Secretary of State for Transport, **John MacGregor** had riled operators with a call for compulsory seatbelts on all new coaches and minibuses. There was uncertainty over the required standards and the CPT accused the Government of dodging its responsibilities.



Palmer: Seatbelt salvo

Veronica Palmer said: "If the Secretary of State is convinced that introducing seatbelts is a good safety measure, why does he not lead the way by introducing standards and regulations at home?"

"What about the existing vehicles on the road? Many of these simply cannot have belts fitted because of their age and the different methods of construction over the years."

Classified

Tel: 01733 898111 Fax: 01733 62656



SCANIA

SCANIA
DISTRIBUTOR

**1987 D DAF/BOVA FUTURA, 49 R+C, AIR
CONDITIONING, TOILET, DRINKS MACHINE,
RADIO/PA/CASSETTE, FULL YEAR'S MOT**

Scania Coach Sales Limited, Claylands Avenue, Worksop, Nottinghamshire, S81 7DJ, Telephone: 01909 500822 Facsimile: 01909 500165

AEC

AEC REGENT 5

ex Eastbourne Corporation, complete overhaul, painted in original paintwork, MoT December, Class 5, registration no: KHC 367

£4,600 ono

Tel. 01905 620289

(56646/AEC)

BEDFORD

1980 **BEDFORD PJK 330, DOM I**, nice runners, choice of 2, 1 blue and 1 red interiors, one tested until August 1995, one until April 1996 £3,250 each + VAT

1977 **BEDFORD PJK 330 PLAXTON SUPREME**, engine needs slight attention, tested July 1995, hence low price of £1,800 + VAT

1983 **BEDFORD CF DIESEL**, white, nice runner, no MoT, hence price of £500 + VAT

For further details please phone:
01689 810100
or 01689 858851
(Kent) (56669/BE)

1981 **BEDFORD YMT DOMINANT II, 53**, seats, taxed and tested, power door, v.g.c. £4,950 + VAT ONO. Tel. 01398 341954. (56706/BE)

BEDFORD



BEDFORD YMPS PLAXTON

1984, 35 seats, 2 tables, private plate, MoT April 1996, excellent condition, maintained by Kenzies Coaches.

£15,000 ono – No VAT

Tel. 01223 872601

(56834/BE)



★ PLAXTON PARAMOUNT ★
★ 1986 (D Registration) ★
★ 39 Seats ★
★ Grant Door ★
★ MoT until June 1996 ★
★ Owned by us since New ★
Choice of two
£25,000.00 (Each)

CAPITAL COACHES (HEATHROW)
Tel: 0181-897 6131

'81 **BEDFORD 53, DUPLE II COACH**, requires testing, running order, £2,000 + VAT. Tel. Blythswood Motors, Glasgow, 0141 221 3165 or 0141 639 6107 anytime. (56878/BE)

BOVA
BOVA FUTURA
1986, 53 reclining seats + courier Driver's bunk, double glazed, curtains, Webasto, centre carpet, Blaupunkt radio, 12 months MoT £39,500 + VAT
1985 VAN HOOL ALIZEE DAF SB3000
MOT June '96, 48 reclining seats + courier, fridge, wc, driver's bunk, double glazed, Webasto, curtains, centre carpet, Blaupunkt radio cassette, new drinks machine.
£43,500 + VAT
HARRIS COACHES
GRAYS, ESSEX
TEL: (01708) 864911

(56818/BOV)

**1985
BOVA FUTURA**
Sold with 12 months' MoT
£35,000 + VAT
Part Exchange Welcome
Tel. 01273 733169,
0802 254561 or 0802 203858

(56862/BOV)

**LOOKING FOR A LOW
PRICED VEHICLE?
THEN KEEP READING.
VEHICLES UNDER
£5,000
WILL GIVE YOU
WHAT YOU WANT**

Coach and Bus Week ending 17 June 1995

Scania Coach Sales

**1989 F SCANIA K92/DUPLE 320, 59 SEATS,
RADIO/PA/CASSETTE, FULL YEAR'S
MOT**

(56855/SG)

CAETANO

CAETANO PSV

18 seater minicoach, reconditioned engine/gearbox and back axle. New brake drums and linings fitted. Got all of the bills – just needs new windscreens, but ready for work.

£2,500

OR ANY SENSIBLE OFFER
Tel. 0113 273 4357

(56645/CAE)

BRISTOL VRT ECW, 74 seat, 1978, 5 speed, power steering, good condition, long MoT, £5,950 ono + VAT. **BUGLERS OF BRISTOL**. Tel. 0117 977 8759. (56833/DD)

'87 E DAF BERKHOF SBR 3000, Splitter, Telma, d/glazed, 76 recliners, toilet/tv. Tel. Blythswood Motors, Glasgow, 0141 221 3165 or 0141 639 6107 anytime. (56870/DD)

DOUBLE DECKERS

DOUBLE DECKERS

DOUBLE DECKERS

FULL SPECIFICATION, DOUBLE DECK COACHES FOR HIRE

72-76 SEATS EMERGENCY

Replacement Coach Service available
20 mins from M25 River crossing

APT TRAVEL
(01268) 783868
(Essex)

(56881/DD)

FLEETMASTER BUS AND COACH SALES

1981-83 W.X.Y. REG, DENNIS DOMINATORS, GARDNER/VOITH, LOW HEIGHT ALEXANDER, 79 SEATS, 12 MONTHS TEST.

1977-79 R&V REG, VOLVO AILSA'S, ALEXANDER 79 SEATS, 12 MONTHS TEST.

1979 T REG, LEYLAND LEOPARDS, ZF MANUAL, ALEXANDER 53, SERVICE BUS SPEC, 12 MONTHS TEST.

1993-94 L REG, TALBOT EXPRESS TRIAXLE, TBP SERVICE BUS SPEC, 22/23 SEATS, TESTS DEC & MARCH

PLEASE CONTACT STEVE SWAIN TEL: 01403 276222 FAX: 01403 275888

DAF

DAF

Finance available for
DAF vehicles



Tel: 0161 488 4000
Fax: 0161 488 4567

(56890/DAF)

1987 DAF MB230 PLAXTON 3500

51 recliners, toilet, coffee machine, etc., good for year.

£45,000 + VAT ono

Part exchange possible

Tel. 01740 620209

Fax. 01740 621243

(56837/DAF)

84 DAF BERKHOF EXEC, 49 rec, toilet, TV, ready to work. £26,000 ono. Tel. Blythswood Motors, Glasgow – 0141 221 3165 or 0141 639 6107 anytime.

(56877/DAF)

DAF**DAF SB220
OPTARE DELTA**

Registered Sept 1991, 49 seat service bus, 6 speed box, 120,000 miles, 12 months MoT, full service history, one owner from new.

£69,950

Tel: 0161 339 8575
(56685/DAF)

FORD

14 PSV or 5 wheelchairs. Also Taxibus 8 + 1 wheelchair, 14, 15 & 16 PSV. Available now. Tel: Blythswood Motors, 0141-221 3165. (56876/FO)

IVECO**IVECO**

Choice of 8 1988 49/10 Automatics, 23/25 seat, Robin Hood bodies, various current MoT's.

**£4,500
Each + VAT**

Tel: 01279 680273
(56700/IVE)

1988 (E Reg)**IVECO
CAETANO**

19 seats, curtains, very nice and clean coach, taxed til July, tested til February '96.

£14,500 + VAT ono

REGENT TRAVEL

Tel. 01524 859120
(56671/IVE)

'87 IVECO 2.5 DIESEL, Robin Hood Body, power door, service bus 19+5 standees or 16+5 standees or coach seats, £4,750. Tel. Blythswood Motors, Glasgow, 0141 221 3165 or 0141 639 6107 anytime. (56875/IVE)

LEYLAND**LEYLAND LEOPARD
PLAXTON COACH 680**

1976, semi automatic, 49 seats, express doors, tested until December '95

£4,000 + VAT

Tel. 01531 632520

LEYLAND**LEYLAND**

Finance available for
LEYLAND vehicles



**Tel: 0161 488 4000
Fax: 0161 488 4567**
(56789/LE)

**1983/84
FOUR LEYLAND
TIGERS**

245/Hydracyclic Plaxton 3200, 53 seaters, express doors, all with long MoT's
**£20,000 each
+ VAT**

Tel. 01737 240501
(56836/LE)

**1985
LEYLAND TIGERS**

Fitted with Everest Berkhof bodies, 245-265 TD11 engine + hydracyclic gearboxes, 49 seat with toilet + continental door

£25,000 each + VAT

Choice of 3

Tel. 01293 507099
(56487/LE)

**LEYLAND
NATIONALS**

Choice of 5

3 with Leyland engines, 2 with Gardner engines. Long tests on all.

**From £3,000 each
+ VAT**

**Tel. Beestons (Ipswich)
01473 823243**
(56868/LE)

MAN**MAN SR280
HIGH LINE
EXECUTIVE**

49 recliners + courier, video, fridge, water boiler, new stereo & pa system, double glazed, private registration, same driver/operator for three years.

**£22,500 + VAT
or sensible offers**

Tel. 01268 785556
(56839/MAN)

1985, MAN REEVE BURGESS, 28 reclining seats, toilet, wired for tv/video, new test. £12,500 + VAT. Tel. 01665 720907, 01665 720931 (even). (56863/MAN)

Coach and Bus Week ending 17 June 1995

MAN

SR 280, high floor, 1983, 49, w/c, drinks, video etc. Straight, clean and smart unlettered two-pack paint, latest Holdsworth moquette. Always maintained as a front-line vehicle. Two owners + full records from new. £24,500. Tel. 0114 244 8323. (56638/MAN)

MERCEDES

1988 PRIVATE PLATE 609D
Service Bus, 20 seats + standees, destination equipment, power door with driver's partition, full soft re-trim, nice condition throughout, MoT 1996
..... £17,995 + VAT

1989 PRIVATE PLATE, 609D
Service Bus, 20 seats + standees, destination equipment, power door with driver's partition, full soft re-trim, very nice condition throughout, MoT 1996
..... £18,750 + VAT

*For more details
please phone
0161 643 4182*
(56883/ME)

MERCEDES 609

24 seat, Reeve Burgess bus, DipTac features, retrimmed, power doors, destination equipment. Tested for 1 year - ready for work.
£15,000 + VAT
Tel. 01363 775032. (56885/ME)

MERCEDES, also **URBAN RANGER**, 47 + 27 standees, service or dual purpose wheelchair vehicles up to 7+ seated. **410**, 16 luxury or 5 wheelchairs, 3 seated, offers. Tel. Blythswood Motors, Glasgow - 0141 221 3165 or 0141 639 6107 anytime. (56874/ME)

MERCEDES 410 with 16 luxury spec. Immediate delivery, or 410 wheelchair luxury 16 or 5+3 seated. Tel. Blythswood Motors, Glasgow - 0141 221 3165 or 0141 639 6107 anytime. (56873/ME)

MERCEDES

Finance available for
MERCEDES vehicles



**Tel: 0161 488 4000
Fax: 0161 488 4567**
(56788/ME)

MINIS & MIDIS**WESTERN
NATIONAL LTD.****MINIBUSES**

1986 Dodges, 23 seats from £2,950 + VAT

1986-1987 Freight Rover, 16 to 20 seats, various MoT's from £3,250 + VAT

**BEDFORD YRQ's, YMT's available
immediately for busy season**

1973 to 1980, short and long MoT, Plaxton and Duple, 45 to 53 seats, from £2,750 + VAT

**Contact Robert Risk
Plymouth
01752 222555**
(56843/MM/MB)



1985/6 (B and C reg)

FORD TRANSIT DI DIESEL

16 seat service buses. Carlyle/Dormobile conversions, power doors, moquette seats, destination gear. Some with overdrive gearbox. Our price includes full mechanical inspection/report, respray and new PSV MoT, all for

£3,000 nett + VAT

Part exchange welcome. Licensed credit broker, many other buses available.

**Telephone Houston Ramm on
Rochdale (01706) 750570 anytime**
(56734/MB)

1988 TALBOT TRI-AXLE DIESELS, fitted with Ratcliffe tail-lift, will carry 17 seated passengers with lap belts, choice of 2, white (unwritten) £8,000 each + VAT

1988 FREIGHT ROVER DIESEL, 20 seats, power door, very nice runner, white, tested until September 1995, on a Class 5 £4,000 + VAT

1984 FORD TRANSIT "SWEET 16"
PETROL, semi-high seats, beige/brown interior, luggage racks, runs beautifully, tested until April 1996, private plates, white .. £1,950 + VAT

**For further details please phone:
01689 810100
or 01689 858851**
(Kent) (56670/MM/MNC)



**D and E Reg
DODGE S56**

20/22 seat service buses, Northern Counties bodies, 9 standees, moquette bus seats, soft trim interior, power doors, luggage pen, manual or automatic gearboxes, new MoT's. Outstanding condition and value from just £4,495 + VAT.

Part exchange welcome. Licensed credit broker, many other buses available.

**Telephone Houston Ramm on
Rochdale (01706) 750570 anytime**
(56736/MB)

LEYLAND DAF, K reg, 16 seats, low mileage, £9,750 + VAT. Tel. 01903 821092. (56774/MM/MB)

THE DEALER IN FRONT IS



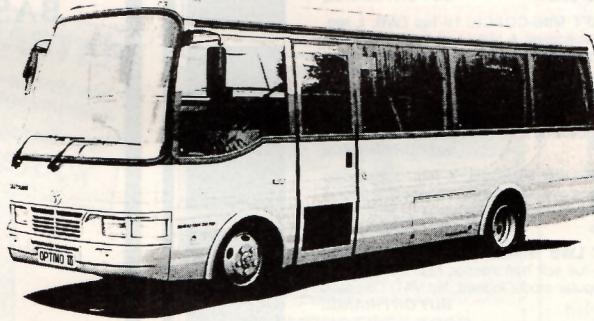
ERRINGTONS

LEADER FOR



OPTIMO

ORDER
FROM
ERRINGTONS
NOW!
AND BEAT ANY
POSSIBLE
PRICE
INCREASE



IMMEDIATE DELIVERY FROM STOCK

NEW TOYOTA OPTIMO III GL Model, 21 + courier, finished white cellulose with grey interior, choice of patterns.

| | |
|---|---------------|
| 1991 J (December) TOYOTA OPTIMO II GL, 21 seats + courier, fawn interior, finished white with multi-coloured stripes, fitted TV video, radio & PA, hot & cold drinks, very clean, MoT Nov '95 | POA |
| 1988 TOYOTA OPTIMO GL, 21 seats + courier, red interior, orange and white exterior, fitted radio | £16,500 + VAT |
| 1986 TOYOTA OPTIMO GL (4 cyl), 19 reclining seats and courier, red interior, exterior mainly white, fitted radio | £11,500 + VAT |

EVINGTON, LEICESTER, LE5 6DQ. TEL: (0116) 273 0421. FAX: (0116) 273 9372

Toyota Parts and Service. Contact Bryn Taylor. Telephone (0116) 259 2131

(56882/MM/MB)

GALAXY

CONVERSIONS BY W M B SALES

Try the biggest – Try the best – Then call in to see 'GALAXY' We will let you decide on our QUALITY, PRICE, DESIGN AVAILABILITY & DELIVERY. Complete engineering and design 'in house', factory recognised build for safety and 'peace of mind', we export minibuses to most countries. New, nearly new LDV's, Renaults and Fords – specialist in welfare and accessible minibuses – **Prices from £13,995 + VAT.** Demonstration vehicles always available – no hard sell.



EXTRA OPTIONS

- Luggage Racks
- Road Fund Licence
- Department of Transport COIF
- Panoramic Tinted Windows
- Luxury High Back Seats
- 4 Point Lap and Diagonal Inertia Reel Restraints
- Company Signage
- All Clamps & Brackets for Accessible Minibus
- Radio Stereo with Six Speakers

- Free of Charge

**ALL THIS AND LOW RATE FINANCE – Subject to Status
REMEMBER – IF YOU DON'T RING WE COULD BOTH MISS OUT !**

DAVID HOBBS – 01922 616049

Written quotations available on request.

WALSALL MOTOR BODIES

95 Stafford Street, Walsall.

3 miles Junction 9 M6 Motorway

(56739/MM/MB)

PREMIER MINIBUS CONVERSIONS

TEL. 01222 884000 PANT GLAS IND EST
FAX. 01222 852146 BEDWAS
3 LINES NEWPORT
GWENT

CONTACT:
TERRY HALL
DAVID DAVIES

NEW CONVERSIONS TO CUSTOMER SUPPLIED VEHICLES

| (SPECIALITY) | WHEELCHAIR | VEHICLES | FITTED WITH | TRACKING |
|---|------------|----------|-------------|----------|
| RENAULT MASTER, 16 seat luxury conv, from | £3,650 | | | |
| TRANSIT LWB, 15 seat luxury conversion, from | £3,550 | | | |
| RENAULT TRAFIC, 12 seat luxury conversions from | £2,400 | | | |
| MERC 410, 16 seat luxury conversions from | £3,650 | | | |
| All 8 seat TAXIBUSES, from | £1,750 | | | |
| K Reg DAF 400, new luxury spec, 16 seats | £12,400 | | | |
| J Reg TRANSIT, new luxury spec, 15 seats | £12,800 | | | |
| J Reg DAF 400, new luxury spec, 16 seats | £10,800 | | | |
| H Reg DAF 400, new luxury spec, 16 seats | £10,200 | | | |
| G Reg DAF 400, new luxury spec, 16 seats | £9,800 | | | |
| G Reg 12 seat FACTORY BUS, diesel | £5,995 | | | |
| 1993 VW CARAVELLE, diesel, 2.4cc 8 seat Factory Bus, excellent condition, 35k, FSH, no VAT | £12,500 | | | |
| 1990 MERC 508D, 19 seat, new luxury spec, front entry, skirts, boot, moquette trim | £13,900 | | | |
| M Reg TRANSIT 100, diesel, 10,000m, white, 8 seat | £11,995 | | | |
| L Reg TRANSIT 190, diesel, hi-top, 15 seat, 12,000m | £17,995 | | | |
| L Reg TRANSIT 120, turbo, diesel, 1,200m, 8 seat | £12,995 | | | |
| H Reg RENAULT MASTER, turbo, diesel, PSV, 16 seat minibus, FSH, one owner | £8,990 | | | |
| G Reg TALBOT EXPRESS, hi-top, diesel, PSV, 16 seats, minibus, FSH, one owner | £4,800 | | | |
| 1989 G Reg FORD DORMOBILE, diesel, new 16 seat luxury conversion, new COIF, 51,000m, one owner, FSH | £11,990 | | | |
| 1988 E Reg FREIGHT ROVER, hi-top, diesel, luxury welfare conversion, rear lift, power door, FSH, immaculate condition, one owner, 44,000m | £7,900 | | | |
| 1986 TRANSIT, petrol, 12 seat, PSV, vgc, 78k | £2,850 | | | |

ALL NEW LUXURY CONVERSIONS

ALL VEHICLES SUPPLIED WITH C.O.I.F.

For more information please call

All prices subject to VAT

Finance arranged – Low interest rates

In addition to current stock all makes of new and used minibus can be supplied on request. We also provide a wide range of upholstery and refurbishment options tailored to our customers own requirements.

All conversions are fitted with our own Premier Classic M2 crash tested high back luxury seating fitted with lap and diagonal seat belts.

(56880/MM/MB)

PREMIER – WHERE QUALITY COSTS YOU LESS

HOLLOWAY COMMERCIALS

RENAULT MASTER TURBO DIESEL LWB HI-ROOF (VAN). 1994 L. As new example ready for early conversion to your specification. Please call for details on this very rare opportunity.

BUY OR FINANCE

LEYLAND DAF 400 DIESEL 17 SEAT MINI-COACH. 1994 L. Hi-Roof. Long wheel base. Immaculate condition with brand new conversion to a very high standard. Features inc. power steering, side door, hi-back seats, inertia belts, manufacturers warranty, luggage racks, fully lined, etc. Full CIF & PSV/MOT test. In stock now. Please call for further details.

BUY OR FINANCE

LDV 400 12 SEAT DIESEL TAIL-LIFT MINI-COACH. Hi-Top LWB. L reg. Jubilee conversion with very high specification & fitted rear tail-lift. Nominal mileage only and terrific condition throughout. Peugeot engined. Outstanding value for money. Please call.

BUY OR FINANCE

RENAULT MASTER T35 DIESEL LWB 17 SEAT EXECUTIVE. L reg. Truly immaculate condition with full soft trim, hi-backed seats, inertia belts, side door entry, underfloor luggage store. Holloway trim, etc. Superb value indeed. Compare this price & quality.

BUY OR FINANCE

LDV DAF 400 DIESEL 17 SEATER LWB MINIBUS. K reg. Outstanding example of this standard model featuring cloth upholstery, side loading door, 5 spd box, radio cassette, rear double doors. Ideal for schools and more. Value for money.

BUY OR FINANCE

VAUXHALL MIDI DIESEL 9 SEAT LWB MINIBUS. Semi hi-top. K reg. Immaculate unmarked example with full soft trim interior, high specification with three point inertia belts. Very popular model indeed. No VAT. Compare the price & quality.

BUY OR FINANCE

LDV 200 10 SEAT DIESEL MINIBUS. K reg. Absolutely first class example indeed with full mini-coach interior inc. inertia belts, side loading door, radio cassette and more. Outstanding value for money. Compare the value & quality. No VAT.

BUY OR FINANCE

FORD TRANSIT 12 SEAT AUTOMATIC MINIBUS. New Generation. K reg. Truly superb low mileage model & very rare indeed with fully automatic box, metallic paint, side loader, cloth upholstery, seatbelts, etc. Exceptional value for money. Please call.

BUY OR FINANCE

TALBOT EXPRESS 15 SEAT DIESEL EXECUTIVE MINI-COACH. K reg. With full specification, high back moquette seats, inertia seat belts, side loading door entry, 2.5 Peugeot engine, etc. Truly immaculate condition. Becoming quite a scarce example in this condition. Quality & value.

BUY OR FINANCE

LDV DAF 400 17 SEATER LWB HI-TOP LUXBUS. 1992. Front load entry model with comprehensive specification to Holloway standards. Dropwell steps, full mini-coach seating and soft trim throughout. Arriving very soon, so call now for details. Quality & value.

BUY OR FINANCE

MERCEDES 308 DIESEL LWB 15 SEAT LUXURY BUS. 1992 J. Another superb example of these highly desirable models with our standard range of high equipment with full belts, side loader, full mini-coach trim, etc. Terrific value for money. Compare our quality & price.

BUY OR FINANCE

V.W. TRANSPORTER 9 SEAT DIESEL MINIBUS. K 93. New shape. First class example with very high specification inc. hi-back seats, inertia belts, side loading door, power steering, stereo system, etc. Always a firm favourite and representing exceptional value for money. Please call for details. No VAT.

BUY OR FINANCE

DAF 400 SERIES DIESEL 17 SEAT MINIBUS. 1991 H. Standard LWB factory model with 2.5 Peugeot engine, side loading door, cloth upholstery & 5 speed box. In top condition throughout and an ideal multi purpose vehicle. Terrific value for money.

BUY OR FINANCE

FORD TRANSIT 12 SEAT 2.0 MINIBUS. G reg. Excellent standard model with side door, cloth trim, 5 speed box, stereo, etc. In unmarked diamond white. Excellent value for schools, clubs, groups. Call for details.

BUY OR FINANCE

IVECO 49-10 TURBO DIESEL 16 SEAT LUXURY MINI-COACH. LWB. Hi-top. G reg. Immaculate example with a very high specification indeed with full economy coach interior trimming. Front load entry model. Carefully maintained from new. Excellent quality, value & price. Call now.

BUY OR FINANCE

FREIGHT ROVER 18 SEAT LWB MINIBUS. 1987. D reg. Very clean example throughout with side loading door, cloth trim, 5 spd box, etc. Ideal for clubs, churches, groups, etc. Call for details.

FREIGHT ROVER 17 SEAT DIESEL LWB MINIBUS. D reg. Very nice example indeed inside & out with cloth upholstery, side door, 5 spd, 2.5cc, etc. Top value for money. Please call.

TO CLEAR

A/W/V (reg) TRANSIT WELFARE STYLE BUSES WITH TAIL-LIFTS. Rear seats and floor tracking. Petrol. Tidy examples. Value from only £795

REMEMBER - WE HAVE ACTUALLY IN STOCK A LARGE NUMBER OF PREMIUM QUALITY PANEL VANS
AVAILABLE FOR EARLY CONVERSION TO YOUR SPECIFICATIONS
OVER 20 FORD TRANSITS, LWB/SWB...OVER 14 LDV DAF 200/400's.
5 V.W. TRANSPORTERS 1.9/2.4's... VARIOUS JAPANESE/MIDIS... MASTERS etc.

MORE AVAILABLE • MORE AVAILABLE • MORE AVAILABLE

BUY • FINANCE • LEASE PURCHASE •
WALSALL ROAD • WILLENHALL • WEST MIDLANDS • WV13 2EF

Contact Steven Kearney

01902 636661

AFTER HOURS: 0374 847699

FAX: 01902 609476

56481/MM/MMB
56787/MMB

Coach and Bus Week ending 17 June 1995

CBW

38

ALL FINANCE OPTIONS

ALL IN SHOWROOM CONDITION

Q
QUALITY ASSURED

COMPREHENSIVE WARRANTY ON EVERY VEHICLE

ALL VEHICLES SERVICED. WITH PRE DELIVERY INSPECTION. AND 12 MONTHS TEST

VAT APPLICABLE UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED

PART EXCHANGE WELCOME EXISTING FINANCE SETTLED

AA
AUTHORISED DEALERSHIP

CRYSTALS

MIDI-COACH SALES LTD

CHALLENGER

BASED ON THE FORD TRANSIT



Coachbuilt vehicle.

Welfare or Coach Spec Available.

Price from £31,950

**DAVID BROAD
HARRY MITCHELL**

Dartford 01322 228538
Mobile 0850 799865

Doncaster 01302 328888
Mobile 0850 843426

(56737/MMB)



WESTERN COMMERCIAL

NEW STOCK

609 MERCEDES, 24 seat, power door, coach seats, luxury, seat belts

709 MERCEDES, 29 seats, Alexander, diptac, bus spec

709 ALEXANDER, 25 seat service bus, p/door

811 MERCEDES, 31 seats, Alexander, auto, diptac USED

1991 410D, 15 seats, luxury

1990 MERCEDES 609, 26 seats

1988 MERCEDES 609, 24 seats, coach spec

1987 MERCEDES 609, 21 seats, service spec, p/door

BRIDGE STREET, NEWBRIDGE, NR EDINBURGH
CONTACT JOHN LEITCH on 0131-333 2001
or EVENINGS 01357 21888

56442/MM/MMB

MINIBUS

Finance available for
MINIBUSES



HANSAR
FINANCE
LIMITED

Tel: 0161 488 4000
Fax: 0161 488 4567

1991 MERCEDES 709D

28 seater service bus,
destination equipment,
Pam-Bell pushes, one year MoT,
taxed Dec 1995.

£17,750 + VAT

Tel. 01324 613085
or 01324 717876 (eves)

56492/MM/MMB

Say you saw it in **CBW**



Welsh Mini Bus Centre



NEW VEHICLES

**RENAULT
MASTER**
16 seat PSV
with Power door

**MASTER
TURBO**
16 seat PSV,
seat belts,
all forward facing
IN STOCK
MASTER
16 seat PSV with
luggage underfloor
All age seat belts
IN STOCK
TRAFIG
15 seat PSV,
moquette seats,
seat belts
IN STOCK
MASTER
16 seat PSV
Coach, rear
Algarve seats,
seat belts

USED

**TOYOTA
OPTIMO
1989**
New 12 months test,
white in colour
Excellent condition

**1991
TRAFIG**
14 seat PSV
forward seats with
seat belts
All makes of vehicles supplied and converted to
customers spec

BS5750 Approved

OFFICIAL CONVERTERS TO RENAULT UK
TEL: 01554 891339 FAX: 01554 890135

CONCEPT COACHCRAFT

Leyland Daf 400 LWB H/roof PAS Diesel lux h/spec minibus,

16 high back seats on tracking, soft trim, tinted windows, parcel racks, quad vent, rear saloon heater, lowered entrance step, radio cassette + 8 speakers, 4 interior lights with dim facility etc.

Price £18,995 + VAT+RFL.

As above Turbo

Price £19,995+VAT+ RFL.**Merc 410, luxury high spec, 16 forward facing seater minibus, full side skirts.****£23,995. +VAT****Merc 609, high spec - £35,995 +VAT**

Orders now being taken for June, July deliveries

Tel: 0161-232 0129 day 0161-456 9747 eve-wkd

REMEMBER TO USE OUR
FREEPHONE NUMBER
WHEN SELLING YOUR
VEHICLE
0880 581885
(MONDAY + TUESDAY)



NEW TOYOTA OPTIMO III GL, 21 seater, grey interior, white exterior, immediate delivery from stock.
1991 J (Dec) TOYOTA OPTIMO II GL, 21 seater, fitted radio/PA, hot and cold drinks, wired for TV/video, trimmed in full moquette, exterior white with orange, yellow and brown stripes. MoT Nov '95, one owner, must be seen.
1988 TOYOTA OPTIMO GL, 21 seat, fitted with radio, red interior, exterior orange and white - £16,950 + VAT
1986 TOYOTA OPTIMO 4 cyl, 19 seater, red interior, white exterior, MoT Sept '95.

Evington, Leicester LE5 6DQ.

Tel. (0116) 273 0421 Fax. (0116) 273 9372

TOYOTA PARTS AND SERVICE - Contact Bryn Taylor (0116) 259 2131

(56825/MM/MM)

**1988 MERCEDES 709D**21 seats, power door, conversion carried out
1994, immaculate all over white,
long test, outstanding example

ALSO

1986 and 1987 TRANSITS, SHERPAS AND DODGES

(56821/MM/MM)

Available for Sale or Hire

THE BUS CENTRE

BIRMINGHAM MOBILE STAFFORD

0121 415 5111 0831 857111 01785 760666

(56824/MM/MM)

16-24 seats

Available for Sale or Hire

THE BUS CENTRE

BIRMINGHAM MOBILE STAFFORD

0121 415 5111 0831 857111 01785 760666

(56821/MM/MM)

C REG
**BEDFORD
MINIBUS**13 seater, petrol, high roofed,
no signwriting, seatbelts fitted,
23,000 miles, blue with white roof.**£1,200 ono**

Tel. 01204 694116

(56783/MM/MM)

NEOPLAN**Trathens****ADVANCE INFORMATION****LATE MODEL NEOPLANS**

SKYLINERS TO BE REPLACED DURING 1995

All vehicles can be fitted with Volvo B12
engines on request

| Date | Registration Number | Date available* |
|------|------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1987 | EBZ Volvo B12 Auto 8205 | June |
| 1988 | E111 Merc V10 Auto KFA | June |
| 1988 | F515 Merc V10 Auto ETA | July |
| 1990 | G340 Merc V10 Manual KWB | August |
| 1990 | H201 Merc V8 Manual AOD Twin Turbo | Sept |
| 1990 | H202 Merc V8 Manual AOD Twin Turbo | October |
| 1990 | H203 Merc V8 Manual AOD Twin Turbo | Nov |
| 1990 | H204 Merc V8 Manual AOD Twin Turbo | Nov |
| 1991 | H699 Merc V8 Manual DOD Twin Turbo | Dec |

(*subject to new deliveries)

Part-exchange considered.

Supplied with a minimum 9 months MoT
painted in your livery.Contact Mike Trathen on
01752 790565**1985 RENAULT TRAFIC 1000
DIESEL**, nice runner, private plate
£1,800 + VAT**1986 RENAULT DODGE 50
SERIES**, auto, petrol, 12 cloth seats +
luggage pen, nice runner, body needs
some attention, no MoT, hence low
price of £1,200 + VAT

For further details please phone:

01689 810100**or 01689 858851**

(Kent) (56668/REN)

SETRA**86 SETRA D/DEC EXEC**, 73 recliners,
toilet, TV, test May '96. Also 85 Setra
single deck, 49 seats, toilet, TV, new
test. £42,000 ono. Blythswood Motors,
Glasgow - 0141 221 3165 or 0141 639
6107 anytime.

(56500/SET)

OVER 6,500 WAYS to make money.
That's how many top decision makers in
the coach and bus industry PAY to
receive Coach and Bus Week. For more
details ring (01733) 63100 NOW.

(56500/SET)

SCANIA

NEW SCANIA L113 SERVICE BUSES

NEW SCANIA K93 BERKHOF, 55 R. seats

NEW SCANIA K113 VAN HOOGL ALIZEE, 49/53 R. seats

NEW SCANIA K113 CENTURY, 49 R. seats, air con

USED SCANIA

1992 J SCANIA K93 VAN HOOGL ALIZEE, 55 recliners, radio, P/A cassette, due in soon
1991 H SCANIA K93 PLAXTON PARAMOUNT 3200, low driver, 53 recliners, double glazed, radio, P/A cassette
1990 G SCANIA K93 VAN HOOGL ALIZEE, 51 recliners, toilet, drinks machine, radio, P/A, cassette
1988 E SCANIA K112 VAN HOOGL ALIZEE, 49 recliners, toilet, double glazed, radio, P/A, cassette
1988 E K112 VAN HOOGL ALIZEE

USED VOLVO

1991 VOLVO B10M PLAXTON PARAMOUNT 3500, 49 recliners + courier + toilet, radio, PA, cassette.
1989 F VOLVO B10M DUPLEX 320, 57 seats, radio, P/A cassette.
1988 VOLVO B10M VAN HOOGL ALIZEE, 53 recliners + courier, Telma, radio, PA, cassette.
1988 VOLVO B10M PLAXTON PARAMOUNT 3500, 49 recliners + courier + toilet, radio, PA, cassette.

Reliable Vehicles Limited
SCANIA SCOTTISH
DISTRIBUTORS
TELEPHONE: 0131-333 2362
FAX: 0131-335 3158

(56730/CS/SC)

1986 SCANIA BERKHOF BODY

53 recliners,
tested March '96

£44,000 ono

SPRATTS COACHES
Tel. 01508 489262

(56488/SC)

SINGLE DECKERS

1980 LEYLAND LEOPARDS

Fitted Plaxton Supreme 4 body shell,
53 bus seats, express doors,
semi-auto power steering,
21 standing, choice of 3.

**ENSIGN BUS AND
COACH SALES**
01708 631122

(56832/SD)

TOYOTA

TOYOTA OPTIMO II, 19 seater, 93 'K'
reg, very low mileage, immaculate condition,
white. £35,500 + VAT. Tel. 0836
221202.

(56663/T0)

VAN HOOGL

1983 VAN HOOGL ASTROMEGA, 75 seat
coach, new video/tv system fitted, double
fridge, toilet, reclining seats, new
test, newly painted, necessity forces
reluctant sale, £27,500 + VAT ono. Tel.
01665 720907.

(56864/VAN)

VOLVO

1978 VOLVO B58 PLAXTON SUPREME

53 seater, new test, Paramount front,
very reliable.

£8,500 + VAT ono

Part exchange possible

Tel. 01740 620209

Fax. 01740 621243

(Durham)

(56838/VO)

1988 VOLVO B10M PLAXTON PARAMOUNT 3500

1 year's MoT, 49 recliners,
Telma, toilet, TV & video,
hot drinks, aircraft lockers,
carpets and private plate
(good condition inside & out)

£62,750

CONTACT STEVE
01206 824363
CEDRIC COACHES,
WIVENHOE, ESSEX

(56854/V)

Coach and Bus Week ending 17 June 1995

VOLVO

1977 PP VOLVO B58, PLAXTON VIEW-MASTER, ZF gearbox, taxed, MoT October 1995, curtains, centre carpet, clean throughout, £7,950 + VAT ono. Tel. 01772 749358 or 01772 747329.

(56679/VO)

B10M IRIZAR EXEC, 49 seater, toilet, TV, retrimmed April '95, new test. £30,000 ono. Tel. Blythswood Motors, Glasgow - 0141 221 3165 or 0141 639 6107 anytime.

(56869/VO)

'88 VOLVO B10M 320 BODY, 57 recliners, ready to work, £58,000. Tel. Blythswood Motors, Glasgow, 0141 221 3165 or 0141 639 6107 anytime.

(56871/VO)

1982 PP VOLVO B10M JONCKHEERE BERMUDA, 51 seater + courier, rear sunken toilet, coffee machine, tv/video, radio/cassette/pa, clean throughout, taxed, MoT'd March '96, £21,000 + VAT ono. Tel. 01772 749358 or 01772 747329.

(56680/VO)

W REG, B58 SUPREME V, 53 seater, Paramount recliners, T-glass, Telma, POD, 4 new road springs + MoT, white, bought new, £13,750 + VAT. Plus floor mounted Paramount wc cubicle. Heards, Devon. Tel. 01237 441233.

(56689/VO)

VEHICLE SALES MISCELLANEOUS

H.W. PICKRELL LTD

Ambulance and Wheelchair accessible vehicles

J Reg 1992 CITROEN, 2.5 diesel, Hi-top, 12 seater bus, side loading door, Ratcliff tail-lift (with handpump), seat belts, warranted 9,000 miles from new, one owner (like new), choice of 2

H Reg LDV 400 Series, Hi-top, Ratcliff lift, hand pump, SLD (full height), diesel (Peugeot engine), 5 speed, 8 seater + wheelchairs, one owner, low mileage.

G Reg RENAULT MASTER T35, diesel, (short wheelbase), 5 speed, 8 seater, side loading door, Rolac ramp, Unwin tracking, low mileage.

G Reg LDV 400 Series, Hi-top, Henderson lift, SLD, diesel (Peugeot engine), 5 speed, 8 seater + wheelchairs, low mileage.

1990 FORD TRANSIT 190 diesels, 15 seater buses, side loading door, with or without tail-lift, low mileage, ex mod. Choice of 4

G Reg TALBOT FREEWAY, 5 speed diesel, 12/16 seater + wheelchairs, power door, PSV specifications, fitted with tail-lift

F Reg LEYLAND DAF 300 SERIES HI-TOP, Henderson lift, diesel, 5 speed, 8 seater + wheelchairs

1989 TRANSIT HI-TOP, 35 cwt, petrol, automatic, side loading door, 10-12 seater, Unwin tracking, Ratcliff tail-lift, 1 owner – Local Authority, full service history, choice of 4

F Reg RENAULT DODGE, 50 series, Dormobile body, turbo diesel, automatic, 16 seater, Ratcliff tail-lift, power steering, one owner, choice of 2

F Reg RENAULT DODGE, 50 series, diesel, automatic, 12-16 seater, Unwin tracking, Ratcliff tail-lift (fitted with handpump), Eberspacher heater, folding side loading door, one owner, PSV specifications, choice of 3

F Reg TRANSIT DORMOBILE, 2 ltr, petrol, 5 speed, 8-16 seater, Ratcliff tail-lift with handpump, power side door, PSV specifications, choice of 3

1988 LEYLAND DAF MELLOR CONVERSION, 2.5 diesel, 5 speed, 12-16 seater, Unwin tracking, Ratcliff tail-lift, power door, tacho, one owner – local authority, choice of 3

F Reg TALBOT FREEWAY, 5 speed, diesel, 16 seater, power door with PSV specifications, fitted with tail-lift

F Reg RENAULT TRAFIC, 5 speed, diesel, 7 seater + 2/3 wheelchairs, Hi-top, side loading door, Rolac ramp, one owner

1988 TRANSIT DIESEL, overdrive gearbox, Mellor conversion, power door, Ratcliff tail-lift (with handpump), 12-16 seater, one owner – Local Authority, choice of 2

E Reg FORD TRANSIT DORMOBILE, 8/10 seats + wheelchairs, Ratcliff tail-lift, very low mileage, 1 owner – local authority

E Reg RENAULT DODGE, 50 series, Dormobile body, turbo diesel, automatic, 16 seater, Ratcliff tail-lift, power steering, one owner, choice of two

D Reg LEYLAND 350 DIESEL, 5 speed, Wadham Stringer conversion, power door, Henderson tuckaway lift, 20 seater, low mileage, one owner

D Reg VW LT31 High-Top, side loading door, petrol, 5 speed, Ratcliff tail-lift, 10 seats + 2 wheelchairs

The above vehicles have been completely refurbished, serviced and can be supplied with either 12 months MoT/Class 5 or COIF on all vehicles.

ALSO A LARGE SELECTION OF EMERGENCY FRONT LINE AMBULANCES, FORD – LDV – MERCEDES – RENAULT – VW

All Dealer Facilities

**Tel: (01268) 521033 day, (01268) 282149 eve,
Fax: (01268) 284951, Mobile: (0860) 894331**

(56740/VSC)



**OFFER FOR SALE
the following coaches
for immediate release**

HORSEMAN COACHES

of Royal Berkshire

2 x August '92 (K) Mercedes 0303/Plaxton 3500, 51/53, demount wc, water boiler, fridge, video x2, owned since new, full service history with a low mileage.

£95,000 + VAT (MoT 7/95)

2 x Mar '90 (G) DAF SB300 DVK/Van Hool, 51/53, demount wc, water boiler, fridge, video x2, owned since new, full service history,

£80,000 + VAT (MoT 1/96)

For more information contact:

Mr Norman Fryer-Saxby on 01734 753811
Horseman Coaches Ltd, Bennet Road, Reading, RG2 0HT

(56817/VSG)

A W GROUP

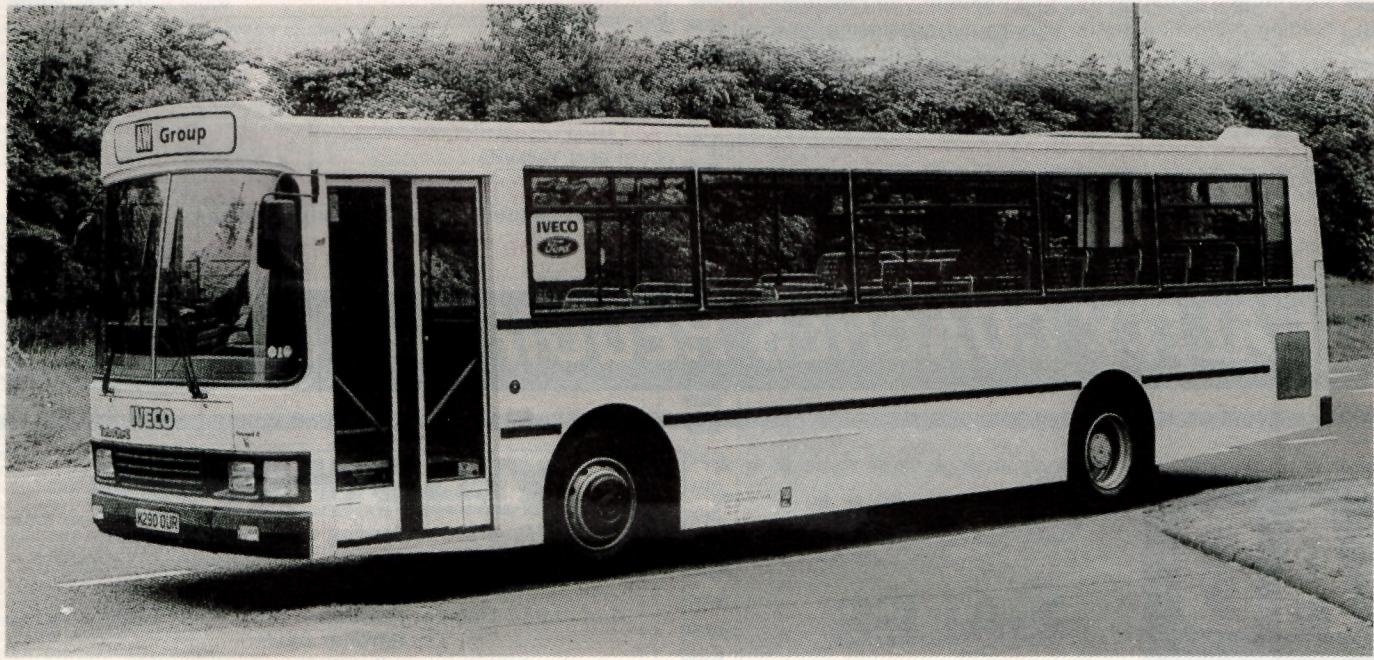
Jet House, Station Road, Ratby,
Leicester LE6 0JN

Tel: (01162) 387741 Fax: (01162) 387128

YOU CAN HAVE ALL THIS

FOR JUST

***£1,325 + VAT, PER MONTH**



**Lease this new and unused 'M' registered
IVECO Turbo City 50, complete with 220 bhp Engine
ZF 4 HP500 Automatic Gearbox and
W.S. Vanguard II Bodywork including
47 passenger seats plus standees**

Available immediately

**Other finance packages available
tailor made to suit your individual requirements**

***Based on 1 plus 59 at £1,325 per month + VAT**

Operating Lease subject to status

**For information on this and all other IVECO products
phone us now**

IVECO BUS

Coach and Bus Week ending 17 June 1995

(56741/VSG)



Bob Vale Coach Sales

TEL: 01494 716996

VOLVOS

1991 VOLVO B10M IKARUS BLUE DANUBE 358, 49 reclining seats, centre sunken toilet with continental door, d/glazing, radio/PA, test March '96.....£62,500

1989 VOLVO B10M PLAXTON PARAMOUNT 3500, 49/53 reclining seats, courier seat, demountable centre sunken toilet, blinds, painted white.....£69,500

1987 VOLVO B10M CAETANO ALGARVE, 49 reclining seats, courier seat, centre demountable sunken toilet, boiler, radio/PA/TV, white, clean.....£50,000

1986 C VOLVO B9M PLAXTON BUSTLER BUS, 33 seater, 15 standing, automatic transmission, luggage pen, dest box, new test, choice of 2.....£39,500

1985 Sept C VOLVO B10M PLAXTON PARAMOUNT 3500, 53 reclining retrimmed seats, plus courier, d/glazing, Webasto, curtains, provision for centre toilet/continental door, repainted white, exceptional, new test.....P.O.A.

OTHERS

1991 H SCANIA K113 ELITE, PLAXTON PARAMOUNT 3500, 53 reclining seats, courier seat, centre continental door, double glazing, alloy wheels, Telma, splitter box, low mileage, immaculate.....£87,500

1990 SCANIA K113 PLAXTON 4000, 67 seater, 2 crew, washroom and toilet, double fridge, boiler, double glazed, Webasto, Telma, 4 monitors (Contract maintained by Scania dealer).....P.O.A.

Kingshill House,
Spurlands End Road,
Great Kingshill,
High Wycombe,
Bucks HP15 6PE
Tel: 01494 716996
Fax: 01494 716331

1989 G MERCEDES 609, Coachcraft, 24 seater, power door, boot, racks, radio/PA.....£21,500

1989 G TOYOTA OPTIMO, 18 reclining seats, courier, rear large luggage locker, carpets, curtains, recent engine rebuild, new test.....£18,500

1989 F MERCEDES 709D, new conversion, 24 seater fitted with radio/PA, new tyres, retested.....£23,500

1988 LEYLAND TIGER CUMMINS L10 PLAXTON PARAMOUNT 3500, 49 reclining seats, courier seat, rear sunken toilet, curtains, d/glazed, manual with Telma, mint.....£52,500

1988 LEYLAND TIGER PLAXTON PARAMOUNT 3200, 57 seater TL11 ZF manual, POD, radio/PA, repainted.....£52,500

1987 BEDFORD YNV, PLAXTON PARAMOUNT 3200, 57 seat, power door, radio/PA.....£26,500

1986 PP NEOPLAN PLAXTON 4000 DOUBLE DECKER, 71 reclining seats, crew seat, servery, toilet, fridge, d/glazed, Gardner auto transmission, 5 TV monitors, new test.....£42,500

1984 BEDFORD YNT, PLAXTON PARAMOUNT 3200, 53 seats, power door, radio/PA.....£16,500

1983 LEYLAND TIGER DUPLE CARIBBEAN, 49 reclining seats, semi auto, rear toilet, hydrcyclic gearbox, PA, new.....£15,000

1980 BEDFORD YMQS DUPLE DOMINANT II, 35 seater, POD, radio/PA.....£8,500

QUALITY COACHES REQUIRED FOR CASH

(56732/VSG)

AD

COACH SALES

- ★ 1988 VOLVO B10M PARAMOUNT 3500, 49/53 seater, coffee machine, wired for TV/Video
- ★ 1988 SCANIA K112 PARAMOUNT 3500, 51 seater, toilet, TV/Video, drinks, double glazed.
- ★ 1990 LEYLAND DAF 400, 16 seater.
- ★ 1983 DAF DUPLE CONTINENTAL, 48 seater exec (superb).
- ★ 1983 DAF LAG, 48 seater exec.

NEW PLAXTON BEAVERS AVAILABLE NOW!!!

TELEPHONE:

01884 860767/860711 OR MOBILE 0836 345304
DAY OR NIGHT

WANTED FOR CASH - YOUR SURPLUS VEHICLES

AD COACH SALES

NEWBRIDGE COACH DEPOT,
WITHERIDGE, DEVON EX16 8PY

(56731/VSM)

VEHICLES UNDER £5,000

MANY VEHICLES TO FOLLOW

YELLOW-BUSES

BOURNEMOUTH
Have the following vehicles for sale:

10 of 1974/8 Daimler Fleetline/Alexander, 74 seats, Leyland 0680 - semi automatic

4 of 1977 Daimler Fleetline - DMS type, single door, Gardner 6XLB

4 of 1977 Bristol VR/ECW low height - 74 seats, Leyland 501, automatic

For further details telephone:
Chris Jepson - Engineering Director
on 01202 522661

Bournemouth Transport Ltd, Mallard Road, Bournemouth.

MAINLINE

FOR SALE
available immediately

3 LEYLAND ATLANTEAN AN68
1981, 3 speed auto gearbox, Marshall body - ONLY 3 LEFT!

LEYLAND NATIONAL MKI
SELECTION, straight from service, some with long tests.

MKI & II RENAULT DODGE S56,
Reeve Burgess & Northern Counties,
1985/1986 25 seat automatic.

Phone to view or further information
CHRIS CHAPMAN
01709 566019
(56667/VSG)

1986 IVECO VIANA, 25 seater, test May 1996£9,500 + VAT

1986 OPTARE, test May 1996£5,000 + VAT

1985 BEDFORD PJK, 29 seater, test December 1995£8,500 + VAT

1984 MAN, 28 seater, test May 1996£7,500 + VAT

Please phone for more details on

01234 352547

(56844/VSG)

OVER 6,500 WAYS to make money. Thats how many top decision makers in the coach and bus industry PAY to receive Coach and Bus Week. For more details ring (01733) 63100 NOW.

VEHICLE SALES MISCELLANEOUS

BLYTHSWOOD MOTORS LTD

1175 ARGYLE STREET, GLASGOW
All Mercedes 2 years warranty or 200,000 kilometres

NEW MERCEDES URBANRANGER service or dual purpose, 47+23 + pen, STOCK.

NEW MERCEDES 709, coachbuilt, 29 + 8 standees, p/d, dip tac, STOCK.

NEW MERCEDES 709, wheelchair/PSV, 27 + tail lift, dip tac, p/door, or coach seats, 7 DAYS.

NEW MERCEDES 811, diesel, extended coachbuilt, 33 service or semi coach seats, standees, DipTac, wide passage, auto, Allison or manual, also Telma, STOCK.

NEW MERCEDES 814 diesel, extended coach built, luxury coach spec, power swivel door, large boot, racks, 33 coach seats, EARLY.

NEW MERCEDES 711 Turbo, 24 lux, boot, power swivel door, EARLY.

NEW MERCEDES 609D, 24 seats, full spec, boot, power door, lug rack, radio cassette, Also 26 manual door, STOCK.

NEW MERCEDES 410, 16 high back face forward seats, STOCK. Also wheelchair model.

NEW MERCEDES 709, 29 coach seats, boot, EARLY.

NEW TRANSIT 16, high roof, face forward seats, coach spec, EARLY.

NEW TRANSIT 15, diesel psv.

NEW TRANSIT 14, diesel, psv, STOCK.

NEW TRANSIT, diesel, 8 seat Taxibus wheelchair, STOCK.

NEW DAF 16/20, p/door, tail lift, STOCK.

NEW DAF 400, 16 PSV, high spec, turbo.

MAZDA, 14 diesel, PSV, white, STOCK.

NEW DAF SERVICE BUS, 20 + 3 standees, also welfare, p/doors.

WHEELCHAIR/PSV IN STOCK

NEW TRANSIT 15/5 w/chairs and t/lift.

NEW MERC 410 16/5 w/chairs and t/lift.

NEW MERC 609 24/6 w/chairs and t/lift, 7 DAYS.

NEW MERC 709, w/chair/PSV, 27 + t/lift, diptac, p/door, or coach seats, 14 DAYS.

NEW LEYLAND DAF 16/20, 7 w/chairs, power door, STOCK.

TRANSIT 8 SEAT TAXIBUS, 1 w/chair, STOCK

ALL OPEN TO REASONABLE OFFERS

95 M LEYLAND DAF, 16, low roof, power steering.

94 TRANSIT 16, high roof, psv.

93 MAZDA, 14 PSV, delivery mileage only.

92 TRANSIT LWB, diesel, PSV 12.

92 LEYLAND DAF, 12 diesel, 10,000 miles only.

91 MERCEDES 609, p/door, 24, coach spec, boot.

90 OMNI 12 plus standees/wheelchairs. PSV, Dial-a-ride, Perkins and p/door.

90 MERCEDES 709, 25 coach, coach spec, p/door, coach built.

90 MERCEDES 408, 16, coach spec, FF.

89 MERCEDES 609, coach spec, 23 seats.

89 CITROEN 14, diesel, PSV.

89 TRANSIT 16, PSV, diesel

89 CHARISMA 0303 MERC 49 exec.

89 MAZDA DIESEL, 14 seat, PSV tested.

89 FREIGHT ROVER 16, high roof.

89 MERCEDES 208, 12 seat, diesel.

89 LEYLAND DAF, 16, coach spec, high roof.

88 TALBOT TRI-AXLE, 22 + standees, p/door.

88 MERCEDES 609, p/door, 21-seats.

88 TALBOT TRIAXLE, 13+ 2 wheelchairs and lift

88 VOLVO B10 DUPLE 320, 57 seats

88 TOYOTA OPTIMO, 16/21 seats.

88 MERC 23, coach spec.

88 TRANSIT 12, diesel, psv, swb.

88 MERC 609, coach spec, 23 seats.

88 TRANSIT, diesel, 11 psv, swb.

88 RENAULT DODGE, 25 service bus, auto.

88 MERCEDES 609, 24, coach, boot.

88 TRANSIT, petrol, 12 seats.

88 F MERCEDES 709, 21 seat, coach spec.

88 FREIGHT ROVER, 16, diesel, PSV coach spec.

87 DAF BERKHOF 4/deck exec, 76 + toilet, t/p.

87 IVECO SERVICE BUS, 5 speed, 19 + standees.

87 TALBOT 14, diesel psv, no test.

87 RENAULT DODGE, Man, service, Alexander 23.

86 IVECO, service, 19 + standees.

86 RENAULT DODGE, service bus auto, 25.

86 SETRA DOUBLE DECK EXEC, new test

86 LEYLAND CUB, 33 + standees, service bus, auto + Telma

85 C SETRA EXEC, new test, 49 or 53, toilet.

84 VOLVO IRIZA, 49, toilet, exec, retrimmed

84 DAF BERKHOF EXEC, 49, toilet, t/t.

84 DAF JONCKHEERE, 49, toilet, exec

83 DODGE R BURGESS, diesel, auto, 17F door.

82 BEDFORD 35, Plaxton 500 engine

82 DENNIS PERKINS, auto, Alexander service bus, 50 + standees.

82 BEDFORD PLAXTON 29, p/door.

81 BEDFORD, 53 Double testing.

80 FORD, 35 seat Double II.

79 V VOLVO DUPLE II, 50 rec, toilet, tested.

79 FORD, 35 seat, Double II, Turbo 6 speed.

79 FORD, 31 seat, Double II, Turbo 6 speed.

78 LEOPARD, fitted wheelchair lift and tracking. Requires testing.

78 LEYLAND LEOPARD EXPRESS, 53 seats.

78 SEDDON GARDNER ALEXANDER, manual box.

WANTED FOR CASH – MINIBUSES & MIDIBUSES – ALL MAKES & SIZES.

IMMEDIATE HP SETTLEMENT

Tel. 0141 221 3165 or 0141 639 6107 Eves. Fax. 0141 221 3172
OPEN 6 DAYS INCLUDING SATURDAY

(56688/VSG)

Coach and Bus Week ending 17 June 1995

CENTRAL HEREFORD & WORCESTER

AUTOBUS CLASSIQUE NEW VEHICLES

MERCEDES 410D

16 seats with or without three point fixing lap and diagonal seat belts. Choice of.

MERCEDES 609D

23 seats, large boot, P door/hinged door, with or without seat belts, Choice of.

MERCEDES 711D

24 seats, large boot, P door/hinged door with 3 point fixing lap and diagonal seat belts.

MERCEDES 814D

“Nouvelle Executif” 29 seats with air conditioning midicoach. Available Agust.

QUALITY, PREPARED PREVIOUSLY OWNED VEHICLES FOR SALE

1991 (H) MERCEDES 508D, New 20 seat coach conversion, New MoT.

1990 (G) LEYLAND DAF PEUGEOT TURBO DIESEL, high roof, 16 high back seats, New MoT.

1988 (E) VOLVO B10M VAN HOOL ALIZEE, 50 reclining seats plus crew, rear Cont, door, rear sunken servery with fridge and drinks machine. Rear toilet entry from saloon. Brown interior New MoT.

1988 (E) OPTARE CITY PACER, 25 seats in white, V.W. manual, 8 door, low back seats, Diptac spec, New MoT.

1987 (D) DAF 88 DUPLE 340, 51 reclining seats plus crew. Centre cont, door, sunken toilet, wired for drinks machine, TV and video, New MoT.

1986 (D) FREIGHT ROVER 2.5 DIESEL, 16 high back seats, High roof, MoT September 1995.

1983 (M) FORD TRANSIT 2.4 DIESEL, 12 seat mini bus PCV, New MoT.

1982 (X) VOLVO B58 DUPLE DOM EXP, 11 metre, 53 seats, MoT September 1995.

1979 (T) Volvo B58 DOM II, 53 seats, 12 metre, P. Door, Telma, MoT Dec 1995.

Please contact: Malcolm J. Watkins

Colin P. Bowcott

Central Bus and Coach Distributors Limited,
Fromes Hill Services, Fromes Hill,
Hereford HR8 1HT

Tel: (01531) 640026 Fax: (01531) 640027

VEHICLE SALES GENERAL

Finance available for
your vehicles

 HANSAR
FINANCE
LIMITED

Tel: 0161 488 4000
Fax: 0161 488 4567

(56688/VSG)

Coach and Bus Week

The market leading magazine that's tailor made to make your business to grow.

There's no better alternative

Tel. 01733 63100 NOW

Say you saw it in **CBW**

Under £5000

Tel: 01733 898111  Fax: 01733 62656

| | | | |
|--|---|--|--|
| PLAXTON LEYLAND LEOPARD 680 Manual, MkIV front, excellent condition £2,250 Tel. 01222 860230 Fax. 01222 860231 | DODGE MANUAL 25 seater Dormobile bus, MoT July 1996, PAS, good condition. £5,000 + VAT Tel. 0161 707 3202 | BRISTOL VRT Gardner, 5 speed, 1981, 74 seats, tested 21/06/95 £4,999 Tel. 01924 375521 | FLEET LINE NORTHERN COUNTIES LEYLAND 680 1978, 70 seats, no test. £4,000 Tel. 01924 375521 |
| 1974 LEYLAND LEOPARD New MoT, p.p. £3,750 Tel. 01446 793957 | D REG FREIGHT ROVER 20 luxury seats, luggage racks, boot, PMT conversion, vgc, P.O.D., MoT March '96, taxed. £4,900 + VAT Tel. 01267 253464 | 1971 BRISTOL RE Reg. No. UTT 560J Preservation vehicle with Gardner engine. £1,000 + VAT Part exchange considered Tel. 01495 718231 | 1979 LEYLAND NATIONAL Short wheelbase, MoT'd April '96. £5,000 + VAT ono Tel. 01652 648628 |
| FREIGHT ROVER E Reg, 20 seats S/B, test August '95 £3,250 ono + VAT Tel: 01446 793957 | 2 FORD TRANSITS (D REG) 16 seat (new shape), long MoT's. Service spec. £4,000 + VAT each Tel. 01495 767888 or 767999 LICENSED CREDIT BROKER | 1977 AEC PLAXTON SUPREME 53 recliners, tinted windows, curtains, power door, MkIV front, full MoT £4,500 + VAT ono Tel. 01652 648628 | TWO FLEET LINE NORTHERN COUNTIES LEYLAND 680 1980, 70 seats, no test. £4,500 each Tel. 01924 375521 |
| 2 X BRISTOL LH BCW BUSES 43 seats, very good condition, taxed and tested £4,800 each + VAT Tel. 01363 775032 | VARIOUS RENAULT DODGE S58 ALEXANDER BODIES 25 seats. Mostly without test. £2,500 each Tel. 01924 375521 | 'E' REG FIAT DUCATO LWB DIESEL with tail-lift £3,400 Tel. 0181 881 3336 | FREIGHT ROVER 1x16 SEATER No MoT. £1,500 + VAT. 1x20 SEATER with Isuzu engine No MoT. £2,000. Both service spec. Tel. 01495 767888 or 767999 LICENSED CREDIT BROKER |
| 1966 BEDFORD VAM V 45 seater, very good condition, MoT 6/3/96, tax 6 months. Offers Tel: 01934 833177 | D REG TRANSIT SWB DIESEL with tail-lift. £3,250 Tel. 0181 881 3336 | 1987 TALBOT EXPRESS 14 seater, petrol, MoT till Oct '95 £3,000 + VAT ono PEWSEY VALE COACHES Tel. 01672 562238 | 16 SEAT FORD B REG TRANSIT DIESEL Good condition, excellent engine, etc. new tyres, brakes, good contract vehicle £2,800 + VAT Tel. Richard on 01908 510382 Fax. 510301 |
| MERCEDES BENZ 207D 12 seat PSV, 1982, diesel, front entrance, high back seats, luxury trim, MoT Aug '95. £2,500 + VAT Tel. 01803 812260 (days) 01803 812291 (eves) | 2 LEYLAND NATIONALS R reg, single doors, clean tidy, inc. tyres, one noisy engine, one very good £4,500 + VAT the pair Tel. 01323 832430 | E REG FREIGHT ROVER MK2 20 seat, Carlyle body, vgc, P.O.D., MoT July 1996, taxed. £4,500 + VAT Tel. 01267 253464 | FIAT DUCATO MAXI 2.5 DIESEL 11 seats, engine expired. OFFERS AROUND £1,000 Tel. Richard on 01908 510382 Fax. 510301 (56823/VU5) |
| BRISTOL LH PLAXTON SUPREME III COACH 7ft 6in wide, 41 seats, destination equipment, Grant doors, taxed and tested. Very rare bus. £5,000 + VAT Tel. 01363 775032 | 1985 TALBOT EXPRESS 16 passenger seater, some slight body repairs needed, MoT till Dec '95 £1,750 ono + VAT Tel. 01202 432690 | 1987 FREIGHT ROVER SHERPA CARLYLE MkII body, 20 seats, excellent condition. £3,500 + VAT Tel: 0114 2510545 (Sheffield) (56673/VU5) | 1978 FORD R1114 53 seats, reconditioned engine, new seats, test til July '95. £3,000 ono + VAT Tel: 0141 952 6189 |
| AEC 57 seats, manual gearbox, excellent order £4,000 ono Tel: 01501 820598 | VAN HOOL FORD Private plate, new test £3,150 + VAT Tel: 01925 415299 | P.P Leyland Viewmaster Very tidy inside & out £4,500 ono No time wasters Tel: 01582 460548 | 1976 BEDFORD 500 DOMINANT I 53 seats, power doors, tested June '96, vgc. £2,800 - No VAT Tel. 01482 707365 |
| SEDDON PENINE T Reg, 49 seats D/P, test April '95 £3,250 ono + VAT Tel: 01446 793957 | FIAT 6010 -CAETANO BEJA 1982 (Y), 18 seater luxury coach, white, clean & tidy, reliable, 9 months ticket £5,000 ono Tel. 01530 260933 | PLAXTON SUPREME 1978 AEC 53 str, reseated 1 yr, Bristol Dome white, blue grey stripe, manual door MoT April '96 £3,750 01707 272626 (Hertfordshire) | 1977 (R) FORD 360T PLAXTON 45 seats, taxed 'til May, tested 'til September. Power door, Bristol dome. Ex-Billy's of Ingleton, very tidy, waiting to go to work. BARGAIN AT £2,700 + VAT ono Tel. 01524 859120 |
| FREIGHT ROVER 16 seats, standees, D reg, POD, diesel, white, unwritten, MoT June '95, VGC throughout. £2,995 + VAT Tel: 01494 713080 | FREIGHT ROVER 1986 (D) 2.5 DIESEL 20 seat, Carlyle body, tested November '95 £2,650 ono with no VAT Tel: 01594 543254 Mobile: 0374 760945 | P REG PJK BEDFORD DOMINANT 29 seater, new MoT, very good running vehicle, sale due to replacement vehicle £2,950 ono + VAT Tel. 01224 790258 (ABERDEEN) | DODGE S56s Alexander, 23/25 seats, choice of two, long tests £3,750 each Tel: 0151 726 8894 |

Coach and Bus Week ending 17 June 1995

| | | | |
|---|---|--|---|
| RI 14 FORD PLAXTON 1981/V, 53 seater, tidy coach, 1 years MoT, reconditioned engine, new propshaft. £5,000 ono Tel: 01262 602184 (after 7pm) Mobile: 0831 643819 (56684/VU5) | FREIGHT ROVER Carlyle MkII Body, 1987, 20 high back seats, or 18 plus luggage pen, 5 standees, power door, tested Aug '95, good condition £4,595 ono (no VAT) Tel: 01594 543254 (56678/VU5) | C Reg PSV TRANSIT Mk II 14 seater, 3 litre petrol engine, overdrive gearbox, MoT until 16/6/96, clean vehicle inside and out, very reliable, service history. £1,500 + VAT Tel: 01656 786181 (SOUTH WALES) (56687/VU5) | DODGE MANUAL 24 seater, Northern Counties bus, MoT April 1996, white bodywork, excellent condition £4,250 + VAT Tel. 0161 707 3202 (56726/VU5) |
| 1985 FORD TRANSIT 16 seat PSV, 2.4 diesel, MoT until 9/95 £950 ono + VAT Tel. 01406 362518 (56692/VU5) | FORD 53 seater, Duple Dominant II, T 'n' T, POD. £2,750 + VAT Tel. 01432 264968 (eves) (56690/VU5) | DODGE AUTOMATIC 18 seater Northern Counties bus, MoT Feb 1996, white bodywork, excellent condition £2,750 + VAT Tel. 0161 707 3202 (56725/VU5) | FREIGHT ROVER 16 seater Carlyle bus, MoT April 1996, good condition, taxed. £3,000 + VAT Tel. 0161 707 3202 (56724/VU5) |
| 1985 FORD TRANSIT 8 seat plus wheelchair lift, good condition £750 ono + VAT Tel. 01406 362518 (56691/VU5) | 1986 FORD TRANSIT MINIBUS CARLYLE 16 seater diesel, moquette, low back seats, MoT April '96, good condition £2,900 Tel. 01902 735477 (56426/VU5) | AEC PLAXTON SUPREME IV Semi-auto, good service/school bus, 53 seats, good runner. £3,500 + VAT Tel: 01993 841309 Ask for Peter (56413/VU5) | 1977 'S' REG LEYLAND LEOPARD S/A, Duple Dom II, 12 metre, 53 seater + courier + two tables, taxed, MoT'd March 1996, clean throughout £3,750 ono Tel. 01772 749358 or 01772 747329 (56681/VU5) |
| BEDFORD PLAXTON 53 YRT 1974 £1,000 + VAT Tel: 01358 743425 (56662/VU5) | BEJA 1982, to be tested, 18 seater £3,000 + VAT For more details: Tel: 01234 352547 (56848/VU5) | 1988 RENAULT MASTER 14 seats, h/b moquette, excellent condition £4,500 Tel. 01246 222202 (56842/VU5) | 1980 VOLVO B58 PLAXTON BODY 53 seats, MoT 12/95 £5,000 + VAT ono Tel. 01924 375521 (56889/VU5) |
| KARRIER 1959, 14 seater, Plaxton coach, rare body, good runner, registration 4092 WJ, needs some restoring £4,500 ono Tel: 01452 524888 (56683/VU5) | WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE LEYLAND DAF CARLYLE II 1988, CIF. 15 high back seats, all on tracking, tinted windows, full soft trim, hideaway lift. £5,000 Tel. 01282 773371 (56792/VU5) | BRISTOL LH Plaxton Supreme, 'P' Reg, 41 seat, luggage pen, Express doors, manual gearbox destination equipment £3,100 ono Tel: 01787 379261 (56866/VU5) | FORD DOMINANT 1982, 53 seater, test July 1995 £4,000 + VAT Tel: 01234 352547 (56846/VU5) |
| 1975 LEYLAND LEOPARD PLAXTON 53 seater, MoT Feb 1996, all brakes re-aligned, re-conditioned gearbox £2,750 + VAT Tel. 01254 238808 (56485/VU5) | 1981 (X) 207D MERCEDES 12 seats, h/b moquette, recon. engine, taxed/tested. £1,500 Tel. 01246 222202 (56841/VU5) | BEDFORD YLQ Dominant Service Bus, 1980 (V), 47 seats, MoT 8/95 £3,750 + VAT Tel: (01892) 833830 (Kent) (56866/VU5) | 1975 BRISTOL LHS PLAXTON SUPREME 35 seater, MoT May '96, power door, ideal service contract coach. £2,900 Tel. 01837 810257 (56860/VU5) |
| FORD TRANSIT 1986, 20 seat PSV service, direct injection diesel, 5 speed, power door, MoT Nov '95 £4,500 + VAT Tel. 01803 812260 (days) 01803 812291 (eves) (56677/VU5) | FREIGHT ROVER 1988, diesel, test November 1995 £3,500 + VAT For more details Tel: 01234 352547 (56849/VU5) | IVECO 49.10 Robin Hood Service Bus, 1988 (E), 25 seats, MoT 2/96. £4,750 + VAT Tel: 01892 833830 (Kent) (56865/VU5) | LEYLAND LEOPARD 1978, Duple Dominant II, Express Doors, 53 retrimmed bus seats, immaculate condition, tested and ready to work £4,950 + VAT Tel: 01702 541511 (56845/VU5) |
| FREIGHT ROVER Dormobile, 1987, 16 seater £2,600 + VAT Tel: 01925 415299 (56674/VU5) | BRISTOL L 1950, ECW Bodywork, partially restored Offers around £2,500 Tel: 01923 461477 (evenings) (56851/VU5) | FREIGHT ROVER 'G' Reg 1990, two owners, maintenance records available, Carlyle Body, any test, in daily use £4,999 plus VAT Tel: 01443 407000 Office Hours (Bus) (56852/VU5) | FREIGHT ROVER 1986, 16 seater, to be tested £3,000 + VAT For more details Tel: 01234 352547 (56850/VU5) |
| 1988 E F/ROVER Carlyle body, 20 seater, new cylinder head, ex gearbox, & axle, diesel. £4,250 Tel. 01634 575757 or 01634 812345 (56495/VU5) | BEJA 1984, tested Jan '96, 18 seater £4,500 + VAT Tel: 01234 352547 (56847/VU5) | LEYLAND LEOPARD 12 metre, 57 seats, DAF 11.5 litre engine, exchange diff, new gearbox, all barely run in £4,900 + VAT Tel. 01986 895375 (54076/VU5) | FREIGHT ROVER D reg, power door, 16 seats and standees, MoT Dec '95, white, unwritten, dual purpose, excellent condition throughout. £3,750 + VAT 01494 713080 (56459/VU5) |
| 1982 'X' REG LEYLAND CUB 6/98 engine, Reeve Burgess body, 31 coach seats, power door, being prepared for MoT £4,000 + VAT Tel. 0191 567 4193 (56809/VU5) | MERCEDES 608 1983, 19 seater, tidy inside and out, tested Feb '96, taxed Sept '95. £4,500 + VAT ono Tel. 01334 850255 (Scotland) (56618/VU5) | FREE TO A GOOD HOME 1977 BEDFORD YMT PLAXTON COACH - For Spares No engine, gearbox or windows, chassis otherwise complete, turn up and tow it away! Tel: 01942 243167 (56296/VU5) | 16 SEATER FORD TRANSIT 1986, 5 months MoT, replacement engine £3,500 Tel. 0191 386 2503 (56559/VU5) |
| 81, SCANIA/AEC 45 seater, T 'n' T, POD. £3,000 + VAT Tel. 01432 264968 (eves) (56491/VU5) | LEYLAND LEOPARD Semi Automatic, 1975, Duple service bus, 53 seats, tested 25th April '96, good engine and gearbox £4,250 Tel: 01943 873420 (Leeds) (56023/VU5) | 20 Seat TRANSIT, 2.5D, 1986 Tested November '95, reconditioned gearbox, new tacho. £3,500 + VAT ono Tel: 01304 211555 (56599/VU5) | 1979 VOLVO B58 53 seats, MoT just expired, straight clean vehicle on private plate, may exchange for 57 seater. £5,000 + VAT Tel: 01234 217131 (56463/VU5) |
| 1987 D IVECO 15 luxury seats with armrests, soft trim, racks, low mileage, 10 months MoT, repainted white, diesel. £4,750 Tel. 01634 575757 or 01634 812345 (56494/VU5) | 11 METRE FORD PLAXTON 53 seats, good reliable vehicle, seats need attention £2,750 + VAT Tel. 01986 895375 (54075/VU5) | BEDFORD DOMINANT 29 seater, 1975, tested until Nov 95, stereo, PA system, very good working order throughout, 7ft 6ins wide. £3,500 ono + VAT Tel: 01268 694483 or 01268 699930 (56610/VU5) | 1974 DUPLE LEYLAND LEOPARD 49 seats, side wheel chair lift, MoT Aug. £3,500 + VAT Tel: 01726 823134 (56543/VU5) |

Coach and Bus Week ending 17 June 1995

FORD TRANSIT

Diesel, 1984, 16 seater, high back moquette seats, luggage racks, Eberspacher heater, good condition
£1,250 ono
Tel: 01622 813044 (Kent)

FORD IVECO

1987, tested for 10 months, reconditioned engine, excellent condition
£4,000 + VAT
Tel. 01475 631935

SHERPA

20 seat Carlyle body
1987, soft trim, dual purpose vehicle, very reliable
£3,000 or p/x for a larger coach
Tel. 01942 606645 (Lancs)

21 SEATER FORD FREIGHT ROVER

2.5Di gearbox, 11 months MoT
£5,000 + VAT
Tel. 0191 386 2503

1974 BEDFORD DOMINANT

45 seater, new MoT.
£2,500 + VAT ono
Tel. 01795 510650

BEDFORD YLQ

45 seat coach, Grant doors, destination equipment, taxed and tested, good condition.
£3,000 + VAT
Tel. 01363 775032

1989 LEYLAND DAF

16 seat, Peugeot diesel, high roof, side door, very reliable
£3,750 ono
Tel. 01942 606645 (Lancs)

45 SEATER MERCEDES

1978 'S' reg, 12 months MoT
£4,000 + VAT
Tel. 0191 386 2503

FORD TRANSIT

1982, 10 seater, blue exterior
OFFERS AROUND £1,800
Tel. 01322 281231
(Dartford)

MERCEDES 207D

1983 (Y), 12 high back seats, high roof, MoT 2/96.
£1,500 + VAT ono
Tel. 01794 515260
(Hants)

1969 BEDFORD

20 seater, requires minor repairs
£1,500
Tel. 0191 386 2503

1983 FREIGHT ROVER SHERPA DIESEL

Fair condition for year, 8 seat taxibus, 12 months MoT
OFFERS OVER £500
Tel. 01609 778132

BEDFORD YRQ

MoT Sept 95, 45 seats, excellent condition, 1974, Dominant body, air doors.
£3,000 or nearest offer
Tel: 01270 762269

1976 BEDFORD YLQ PLAXTON

45 seats, will have 12 months MoT
£2,300 + VAT
Tel: 01743 891442 or 01686 668443

AEC

1972, 57 seats, MoT'd, excellent body, Mark V front
£2,500 ono + VAT
Tel: 01358 743425

ATTENTION! ATTENTION! ATTENTION!

**FREE 2cm x 1col boxes
for vehicles under £5,000**

DAF

DAF MB200, 12m Plaxton clean and tidy, 53 reg, tinted windows, 2 doors and privat, well maintained.



Having problems selling stock? NO PROBLEM you can advertise your vehicles - **FREE OF CHARGE**.

Have you got any old unwanted vehicles in your yard? NO PROBLEM - you can get them out of the way and make money **FREE OF CHARGE**.

**To take advantage of this superb offer
CALL NOW ON 01733 898111
or freephone on 0800 581885 (Mondays & Tuesday)**

Alternatively fill in the coupon below

**COUPON**

Are you a subscriber to **Coach and Bus week** yes no

Your Name:

Company Name:

Address:

Tel:

Post code:

Fax:

Please use the boxes below for your advertisement. Only one word per box.

| | | | | |
|--|--|--|--|--|
| | | | | |
| | | | | |
| | | | | |
| | | | | |
| | | | | |
| | | | | |
| | | | | |
| | | | | |

**Send to: Chrissie Hester Classified Department, Coach and Bus Week,
Wentworth House, Wentworth Street, Peterborough PE1 1DS.**

Coach and Bus Week ending 17 June 1995

Say you saw it in **CBW**

1980 MERCEDES 207 MINICOACH

12 high back seats, tested Dec '95, taxed Nov '95, ready to drive away
£1,995 ono
Tel. 01782 564944

BEDFORD

1977, YMT, 53 seats, 12 months test, taxed, good condition
£2,500 ono + VAT
Tel: 01694 724322 (Shropshire)

BRISTOL LH

45 seat Plaxton, 1977, personal plate.
£3,500
PHONE/FAX: DERBY 01332 810774
FOR SPECIFICATIONS (56099/VU5)

PSV VEHICLES

C REG MERCEDES 608D, D 21 seats £8,750

PSV TAIL-LIFT VEHICLES

D REG MERCEDES 609D, 21 seats, Henderson Hideaway £14,000

E REG TALBOT FREEWAY, 16 seats + Ratcliffe £7,500

E REG TALBOT FREEWAY, 16 seats + Ratcliffe £7,950

E REG TALBOT FREEWAY, 16 seats + Ratcliffe £7,950

NON PSV TAIL-LIFT

D REG TRANSIT SWB DIESEL, tail-lift £3,250

E REG FIAT DUCATO, LWB Diesel, tail-lift £3,400

**TEL: 0181
881 3336**

(56853/VSG)

VEHICLES WANTED

LEYLAND NATIONAL BUS WANTED

with front & central entrance.

Tel.

01273 733169

(56861/VWA)

WANTED

Converted Double Decker to Hospitality Bus.
Anything Considered.

Tel. 01733 892345

(56733/VWA)

WANTED

VRT III FOR DISMANTLING
Tel. 01962 777669
Fax. 01962 777667



Simply quote your credit card number or Switch number

Tel. 01733 898111

Coach and Bus Week ending 17 June 1995

CLEANING SERVICES



What can we offer you?

INDUSTRIAL • COMMERCIAL • FACTORIES • DOMESTIC

• OFFICE CLEANING & WINDOW CLEANING

TOTAL QUALITY **NATIONWIDE** SERVICE - REGISTERED AND INSURED.

INTERESTED?

We are :-

COMPLETE CLEANING SERVICES

01942 517991

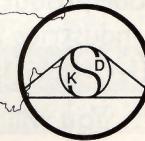
0831 145967

(56793/S/CS)

DRIVING SERVICES

→ CORNWALL'S DRIVING FORCE →

KERNOW DRIVING SERVICES



Approved Government Licensed Agency
No. SW 2924

Experienced drivers, guides and tour managers for all aspects of the coaching industry. Tours, relief or second drivers.

Very competitive rates

Tel: 0850 701450 (24hrs)

Fax: 01269 831115

GARAGE EQUIPMENT

MOBILE COLUMN LIFTS

up to 20 tonne capacity

**Tel. 01732
843018**

(56542/P/GE)

LEGAL SERVICES

BRUCE WEIR ASSOCIATES

Solicitors specialising in Transport Law from

LICENSING TO REPRESENTATION

Ask for our brochure showing how we can help with all your legal problems

Free Initial Advice

Tel: 0181-746 2015

Fax: 0181-746 2016

(52929/SLS)

PCV BADGES



**KK
16867**

DRIVER

Contact: Mark Terrill
Tel or fax: 01273 474816

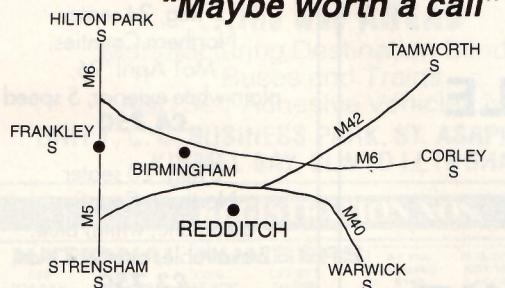
(51535/P/PCV)

EMERGENCY SERVICE

PROBLEMS WITH YOUR COACH?

Hardings International of Redditch

"Maybe worth a call"



Mechanic and replacement coach usually available

Tel. 01527 545684

(56772/EMG)

EMERGENCY SERVICE

Selling a coach or bus? It's so easy.



PSV PRODUCTS

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

For almost 5 years now we have been advertising our products and services to the bus and coach industries and now, more than any other time, is the time to give us a try.

You will almost certainly have heard of us. You may even have called us before. But we now offer more products than we have ever done and most of our prices are lower than they were 5 years ago. Before you ring, take a look at the last time you had equipment fitted, you may be surprised how much we could save you!!

What we are saying is "give us a chance to prove that it makes sense to call PSV PRODUCTS".

We would be delighted to send you a comprehensive price list.

Tel. No. 0161 707 3202

**89 Barton Lane, Eccles,
Manchester M30 0EY**

(56763/P/AUD)

**SELECTION
OF 1987-1990
SERVICE
BUSES
ALWAYS AVAILABLE**



16-25 seats.

**Prices from
£2,000-£20,000 + VAT**

**All available with full MoT.
Full inspection and road test
facilities available.**

**Tel: 0161 707 3202
SHORT TERM VEHICLE
HIRE AVAILABLE**

(56289/BS/SD)

Coach and Bus Week ending 17 June 1995

HERE ARE SOME EXAMPLES

PSV PRODUCTS

**DUE TO THE SALE OF OUR BUS OPERATION
WE ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE WE CAN NOW
OFFER AN EVEN BETTER SERVICE TO THE
COACH & BUS INDUSTRY**

| | |
|---|------------------|
| <i>Supplying</i> | |
| Televisions | from £250 |
| Monitors | from £475 |
| Budget Priced Mini PA Systems with Pullout Facility (Inc. Mic + Dropper) | from £195 |
| Radiomobile PA System inc mic | £325 |
| Microphones | from £25 |
| Drink Machines | from £285 |
| Video Players | £200 |

We install all the above equipment at your place or ours. Plus toilets, fridges and servery installations undertaken

Stockists of
Fire Extinguishers
First Aid Kits
Gas Struts
School Signs
Emergency Hammers
Budget Locks

Tel: 0161 707 3202
24 hours

(56525/P/AUD)

RENAULT DODGE SERVICE BUSES

E Reg, 25 seater Dormobile,
MoT July 1996, 5 speed, power
steering, taxed
£5,750

D Reg, 24 seater
Northern Counties,
MoT April '96,
plain white exterior, 5 speed
£4,750

E Reg, 20 seater
Northern Counties,
automatic, white/blue,
2 available, one MoT Nov,
£3,750
one MoT expired

C Reg, 18 seater + pen
Northern Counties body,
very wide entrance doors,
automatic, MoT Feb '96

*Any of the above vehicles available for short
or long term hire*

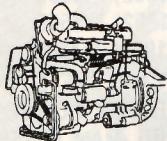
PSV PRODUCTS

Executive Fittings & Accessories to the Bus and Coach Industries

Irwell House, 89 Barton Lane, Eccles, Manchester M30 0EY
Tel: 0161-707 3202 Fax: 0161 707 7985

(56425/MM/MB)

Preston Engines



Quality reconditioned engines ex stock. Full Leyland range, Gardner, Volvo, Mercedes. Others also undertaken. Towing and fitting service available. Also breaking engines, all parts available. Phone for a competitive quote.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION
PHONE PRESTON 01772 651629 FAX 01772 651629

(56780/P/EN)

**HANSAR
FINANCE
LIMITED**

★ Finance Available New or Used Vehicles
★ Flexible Periods and Deposits
★ Fast Decisions ★ Credit Lines Arranged
★ Lease, Hire Purchase, Lease Purchase

FOR QUOTATION OR
INDEPENDENT ADVICE CONTACT
TERRY CROSS OR RON TELFORD

0161-488 4000

Bridgeway House, Mellor Road, Cheadle Hulme, Cheshire SK8 5AU

INSURANCE

The WRIGHTSURE Insurance Group



attention all coach operators!

Competitive rates for new ventures and established businesses

Monthly payments

Prompt claims payments

Uninsured losses recovered

Travel schemes that make money for you

1995 Travel rates now available

For the right insurance at the right price contact us today.

Contact:

62 Maidstone Road,
Grays, Essex
RM 17 6NF
Tel: 01375 378371
Fax: 01375 390087

27 Booker Avenue,
Liverpool L18 4QY
Tel: 0151-724 2266
Fax: 0151-724 6427

cpt 
associate
member

REPAIRS & RECOVERY

M&H COACHWORKS LTD

PSV SPECIALIST REPAIRS AND CONVERSIONS

★★★ LEEDS ★★★

Waterboilers, Fridges, Toilets,
Video Systems, Servery Units,
Webasto heating sales and service

Quality resprays and signwriting
Accident damage repairs
VBRA Approved Repairs

Contact us for quotations, helpful advice
and above all, genuine service

★★ STAR QUALITY IS OUR HALLMARK ★★

New Princess Street, Holbeck, Leeds LS11 9BA

Tel. 0113 (Located 1 minute from
M1/M621 junction) Tel. 0113
2441671 (After hours phone 0113 2520079) 2441671

SEATS

A COMFORTABLE driver is a
SAFER driver.

KAB (formerly Bostrom)
seats to suit ALL buses
and coaches

AVAILABLE FROM
THOMAS SCOTT & CO

Suppliers of road
transport equipment.

Tel. 0141-763 2120

(5252/P/SEA)

OVER 6,500 WAYS to make money.
Thats how many top decision makers in
the coach and bus industry PAY to
receive Coach and Bus Week. For more
details ring (01733) 63100 NOW.

COACH INSURANCE

Fleet and single
vehicle operators,
Continental extensions

CONTACT:

**LAWRIE INSURANCE
CONSULTANTS LTD,**

7 Cray Buildings,
Footscray High Street,
Sidcup,
Kent DA14 5HL

**Tel: 0181 302
7521/7522**

(56780/S/CIN)

PROPERTY FOR SALE

COACH OPERATORS YARD

Offices & three bay garage.

**OFFERS IN REGION
OF £85,000**

Barnsley, South Yorkshire

Reply to Box No. 56640
Coach and Bus Week
Wentworth House,
Wentworth Street,
Peterborough PE1 1DS

(56856/P/FS)

PASSENGER INFORMATION

PRINTING FOR TRANSPORT



...the way AHEAD

Manufacturing Destination Blinds for
Buses and Trains
Also Self-Adhesive Vehicle Livery

UNIT 7, C. C. BUSINESS PARK, ST. ASAPH AVENUE,
KINMEL BAY, CLWYD LL18 5HA

Rhyl 01745
343173
Fax: 01745
343173

(56266/P/PI)

REGISTRATION NOS.

NATIONAL NUMBERS

| | | | |
|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| E59 | E99 | E250 | LVT 991 |
| B24 AKH | TD2 4533 | GAZ 3737 | TUJ 298 |
| BAG 309 | VIE 4223 | BX1 627 | USV 605 |
| BAG 3715 | VIB 8425 | DIL 7201 | VZ 1090 |
| BAG 3725 | WIB 7034 | GUI 1659 | XYL 782 |
| PAG 209A | WIB 7751 | £350 | XUD 149 |
| PAG 210A | £149 | MBZ 8600 | FROM |
| E99 | EAZ 5353 | DJ9 9360 | £450 |
| EAZ 5358 | EAZ 5333 | PRX 852 | GIL 8999 |
| HAZ 3451 | IIL 8542 | SIA 8833 | JIL 2001 |
| HAZ 3452 | UXI 8630 | W01 1961 | JSV 661 |
| LIL 2561 | UXI 8631 | YSV 344 | A13 OBO |
| MBZ 6794 | £199 | £399 | WTF 930 |
| NBZ 1670 | KUJ 1204 | HUL 2 | TZ 960 |
| PIW 4725 | LUW 0000 | UH 1746 | SSB 448 |
| PIW 4726 | NVI 9005 | HUI 1972 | RSK 129 |
| RDZ 7482 | NXI 9006 | JIA 1255 | YMR 144 |
| RIW 5383 | OIW 6792 | KIB 223 | 8969 WU |
| RIW 5410 | RDZ 5222 | LYX 411 | UO 3018 |

3-Day
Transfers
£149
£399

IT IS STILL
NOT TOO
LATE TO
UPDATE
YOUR
FLEET,
EVEN
THOUGH
YOU ARE
INTO
YOUR
SUMMER
SEASON.

DAZ 4135
FAZ 3724
HAZ 2915
JIL 7652
LIL 2516
MBZ 3745
PIN 2784
RDA 4226
RIW 2831
WIB 7175

FROM
TO
NOT
EVERYONE
CAN DO A
7-DAY
TRANSFER.
WE CAN!

NATIONAL
NUMBERS
• CNDA •

PO Box 20, Norton,
Cleveland TS20 1YV

Free lists - 20,000
plates on computer
Money back guarantee
24 hour Answer Service

(51550/P/REG)

REPAIRS & RECOVERY

GEARBOXES, axles, steering boxes,
service exchange or 24-hour repairs
service, including semi-autos and Allison
Automatics, also parts supplied.
McCARTNEYS. Tel. 0181-808 0582. Fax:
0181-365 1884 (LONDON) family busi-
ness, established over 40 years.

(52551/S/R+R)

Coach and Bus Week ending 17 June 1995

SEAT BELTS

PLAXTON
Parts & Service

When fitted
by Plaxton,
Passengers &
Operator are
Secured.

MODELS COVERED...

Paramount & Beaver Coach
from October 1988
& all Excalibur & Premier models

- Fully Certificated for your peace of mind
- Fitted by the Body Manufacturer to meet current regulations

CONTACT YOUR NEAREST DIVISION AT...

| | |
|---------------------|--------------|
| Anston Nr Sheffield | 01909 551155 |
| Barrhead Glasgow | 0141 8815625 |
| Ware Hertfordshire | 01920 462383 |

SEAT BELT FITTING IS SIMPLER THAN YOU THINK

Let us do the worrying for you.

Full design and fit service, with engineering and trimming facilities in house. Systems designed for self fitting, and fitting on site possible in some cases.

ALL STRUCTURAL MODIFICATIONS CARRIED OUT WHERE NECESSARY

Nationwide Seatbelts, Unit 12D
West Station Yard, Spittal Road, Maldon, Essex CM9 6TW
Tel. 01621 840722 Fax. 01621 840723 Mobile 0850 168189

(56623/SBE)

securon SEAT BELTS

manufactured to
EUROPEAN (E) &
BRITISH (H) STANDARDS

TEL: 01494 434455
FAX: 01494 726499

SEATBELTS
Fitted to your vehicles at
prices you can afford
You know it makes sense

EUROPEAN (E) &
BRITISH (H) STANDARDS
Ring now for quotation
Elite Services, Stockport
0161 480 0617
Ask for Dave

TICKET EQUIPMENT

TICKET EQUIPMENT

Wayfarer 2's, Modules and Mounting Plates, also, Wayfarer Savers, all with warranty

Tel/Fax:
01273 474816
24 hours

(56771/P/TIC)

TRANSPORT TICKET SERVICES

(EST. 20 YEARS)

For quality Almex & Setright Ticket Machines
Fare Boxes, Change Givers, Cash Trays, Cash Bags, Punches, Tickets, Wayfarer Rolls etc.

Fast professional machine repair service.

Illustrated brochure available.

Tel/Fax: **01600 750 650**
Newcastle, Monmouth, Gwent, NP5 4NU

(53132/P/TIC)

TICKET EQUIPMENT

WAYFARER 1&2

TICKET MACHINES

Base plates, leads, driver modules, Depot Readers

'ALL TICKET ROLLS AVAILABLE'

John Groves

(01256) 810827

Fax: (01256) 25653

(56796/P/TIC)

TRIMMING

DUOFLEX LTD.

Buses and Coaches

Retrimmed

Wide choice of moquettes

Low and competitive prices

Junction 10 M40/A43

Barrington Court,

Ward Road,

Buckingham Road Industrial

State,

Brackley, Northants

Tel: (01280) 701366

(51549/S/TRI)

TRAINING

CPC

Pass Go Red

Comprehensive Easy-Read

Manuals Supplied

ALL UPDATED QUARTERLY.

PASS FIRST TIME OR FREE

REVISION COURSE

HOME STUDY IS OPTIONAL

Discounts if you order now!

Tel: 01443 411019

CPC

IF YOU CAN FIND
BETTER OR CHEAPER
-WE'LL REFUND THE
DIFFERENCE!

Possibly the only notes updated May 1995.
Video, Audio, Homestudy. Intensive course
with free accommodation and free course
if you fail.

FREEPHONE 0800 37-35-31

01984 656 310 office
01273 515 649 eves

Friendberry

143 11P

CPC NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL COURSES

Course Books
and exam entry inc

FREE COURSE IF YOU FAIL

WRIGHTS TRAINING SERVICES

01795 521054

(51308/S/TRA)

VEHICLE SPARES

"BUSS BIZZ"

GOUGHS TRANSPORT DEPOT,
MORESTEAD, WINCHESTER, HANTS.

Tel: (01962) 715566

Tel: (01962) 715555

Fax: (01962) 714868

VOLVO, LEYLAND DAF, BOVA,
DENNIS, SEDDON, SCANIA,
BEDFORD, FORD, MAN, PERKINS,
MERCEDES, RENAULT, DODGE,
IVECO, GARDNER, BRISTOL,
DAIMLER

'BREAKING'

LEYLAND TIGERS'

Diesel Engines, Cylinder Heads,
Cylinder Blocks, Crankshafts,
Camshafts, Differentials, Axles, Transfer
Boxes, Gearboxes, Automatic,
Pneumocyclic, Manual, Cam Rods,
Gaskets, Fuel Injection Pumps,
Injectors, Starters, Alternators, Turbo
Chargers, Compressors,
Water Pumps, Power Steering, Rams
& Pumps, Half Shafts, Hubs.

★ SPECIAL OFFER ★

BEDFORD

220/220T/330/330T/466/500/500T
short engines, long engines, complete
engines, blocks, heads, crankshafts,
camshafts, oil pumps, water pumps,
compressors, power strg pumps,
injection pumps, injectors, gaskets, etc.
Bedford 466 engines ex-Government
as new at £1950

Pistons 220/300-300T £19

Pistons 500-500T £39

Liners 500-500T Flanged £29

Liners 500-500T Parallel £19

Bedford 466 Pistons £19 each

330 Bedford Short Engines, New £1000
Leyland 680 Pistons £49
Gardner LXB Pistons £49
Gardner LXB Liners £9

New Mercedes 364 engines complete
£2150 each outright or £1750 exchange

330 complete engines new/factory
£1850 outright or £1500 exchange

WANTED: VRT Buses

(56552/P/VEH)

BRADFORD GRINDERS (U.K.) LTD

We supply New/Reconditioned
Short Motors, Cylinder
Blocks/Heads, Crankshafts and
Connecting Rods, Ancillaries: Kit
Sets, Gaskets, Bearings, Pumps etc.

On site services available
Nationwide:
Cylinder Block Reborning,
Resleeving and Metal Stitching.

Established since 1965 & suppliers
to the PSV industry for over 20
years.

SPECIAL OFFERS AVAILABLE PLEASE RING FOR DETAILS

TEL: 01274 733141

FAX: 01274 734610

(56263/P/VEH)

NEW FREE SERVICE!

Coach and Bus Week have

introduced a new free service. To place your advertisement in our
sales section, dial our freephone number

0800 581885 (Monday and Tuesday)

the call will cost you nothing

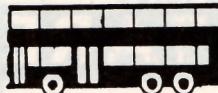
SELLING YOUR VEHICLE COULDN'T BE SIMPLER!

REFURBISHMENT



1 WHY TRAVEL LONG DISTANCES TO FIND A QUALITY COACH TRIMMER AT COMPETITIVE PRICES?

Duoflex Limited



SITUATED ON THE A43 BETWEEN JUNCTION 10 ON THE M40 AND JUNCTION 15A ON THE M1, CAN OFFER YOU:-

- Re-trims and repairs of bus and coach seats & interiors
- Bus seat and back covers made to order
- A quick and professional service
- Collection/delivery service
- Centrally located with easy access to the motorways
- Carpet and lino supplied
- Moquette supplied to your choice of pattern
- MUNICIPAL BUS AND COACH

Daimler, Leylands, A/L's, AEC's, Bedfords, Fords, Nationals and Bristol VRT's etc.

See us at Epocoach '95 on stand D18 for a friendly discussion on your needs for retrimming
JOHN AND STEVE

Duoflex Limited, Barrington Court, Ward Road, Brackley, Northants NN13 7LE

Telephone: 01280 701366 Fax: 01280 704799
(56298/FF/REFURB)

If you want to advertise
in the next
Refurbishment
Focus Feature
ring Lee on
01733 898111

3

FLEETMASTER VEHICLE ENGINEERING LIMITED

BUS AND COACH REFURBISHMENT

Transform your fleet
with a cost effective
refurbishment programme.

*Please contact us for a
no obligation quotation.
You will be pleasantly
surprised.*

• DPTAC RETROFIT SPECIALISTS

**Tel: 01403 276222
Fax: 01403 275888**

*"We fit quality and comfort
into your older vehicles
economically"*

(56548/FF/RF)

4

EASTGATE COACH TRIMMERS

Supplying the Bus & Coach industry with quality seat retrimms and interior refurbishment.

Complete mobile flooring service, from centre gangways to full floors relayed at customers premises.

Collection and delivery anywhere in the UK.

Keep your coach operational by having standard seats retrimmed and exchanged.

TEL/FAX: 01751 472229

(56285/FF)

5

Blackpool Trimshops

STD Plaxton, STD Duple, Van Hool and Caetano recl, etc, retrimmed the same day

Samples by return

+ New Minibus Seats

HEADREST COVERS, CURTAINS

Tel: 01253 766762 Fax: 01253 798443

(56794/FF/RF)

6

A.K. CARPETS

SUPPLIERS OF POLY RIB COCONUT MATTING & SOFT TRIM

Coach Carpet Specialists

172 BLACKBURN ROAD, WEST END, OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCASHIRE BB5 4NZ
TELEPHONE: 01254 871879

FAX: 01254 388254

(52423/FF)

Give your suspension a lift by fitting new air bags

From £49.50

24v Surflow pumps held yet again at **£65.75**
(RRP £72.00)

Save 10% on First Aid Kits and Fire Extinguishers
when purchased together. **Our Price £23.85**

SJ CARLTON
UK concessionaire for **NEOPLAN**

Contact Margaret or
Shaun Now
Tel 01709 700600
Fax 01709 700007

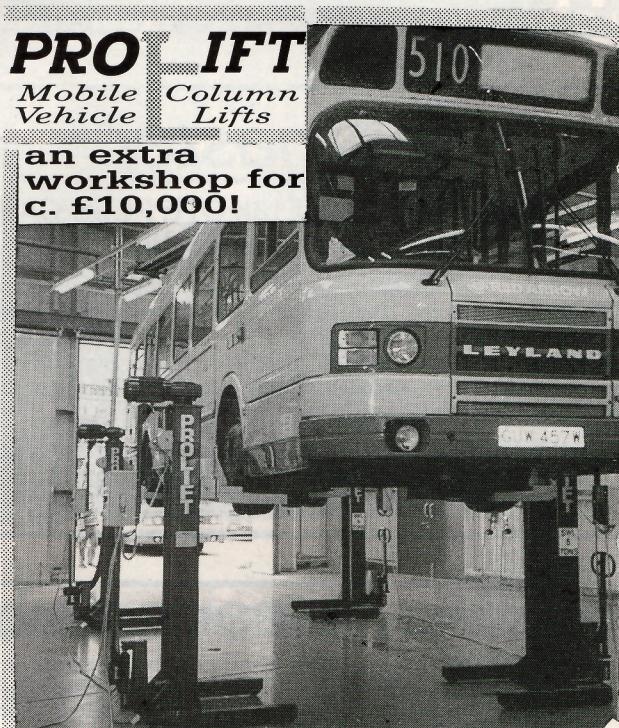
Springtime Specials

VEHICLE LIFTS

PRO-LIFT

Mobile Column Lifts

an extra
workshop for
c. £10,000!



GAS STRUTS WORN OUT?

Contact

GAS STRUT ENGINEERING

- UK MANUFACTURERS
- QUICK DELIVERIES
- FOR ALL TYPES OF VEHICLE
- COMPETITIVE PRICES

Unit 14, Singer Way,
Woburn Road Ind Estate,
Kempston, Bedford MK42 7AE
Tel: 01234 843979
Fax: 01234 843916

(56117/P/VEH)

Gas strut
ENGINEERING

Composite Designs

We can supply:

- ★ GRP redesigned MCW Metro Liner one-piece front panels and pantograph-style one-piece engine doors.
- ★ 2 styles of four-piece setting coach tables.
- ★ Any other GRP work undertaken: Prototypes, patterns and moulds - both for Specialist and Production-Run items, and in any quantities requested.

Call Collin on 01296 662960 or write to
COMPOSITE DESIGNS, Unit 24,
Cheddington Lane Industrial Park,
Long Marston, Tring, Hertfordshire
HP23 4QR (56778/VEH)

TREVOR WIGLEY & SONS LTD
LEYLAND LEOPARD
GB350 GEARBOXES

Stripped, rebuilt, repaired as
necessary. Fully tested, large
stock.

£450.00

3-month warranty

As some others might
describe as reconditioned

Tel: 01226 723147 5 lines
Mobile (0836) 581848 or
Fax: (01226) 203294

(53285/P/VEH)

*Mobile lifts? look at the rest
...but invest in the best!*

PRO-LIFT

support British Manufacturing

PRO-LIFT LIMITED

18 Beech Business Park, Three Elms, Hereford HR4 9QJ
Tel. 01432-350330 Fax. 01432 354463

(53282/P/VEH)

WANTED

WANTED

Two way radios, must be
modern scanning type - 8
required.

Also wanted seats for
Plaxton Supreme IV

Tel: 00353 5641264
Ask for Dennis Buggy

(56795/P/VEH)

PHONE FREE

To sell your Coach
or Bus, simply call
freephone number
0800 581885

The call will cost you
nothing on
**MONDAY AND
TUESDAY ONLY.**

AVON DIESELS

RECONDITIONED
ENGINES
HEADS
BLOCKS
CRANKSHAFTS

ZF REPAIRS
S/AUTO GEARBOXES

(51547/P/VEH)

01454 313805

LEYLAND AEC
BEDFORD DAF

VOR SPARES

**01902
604141**

Commercial Gearbox
Specialists

Very competitive prices on all
exchange gearboxes

Own unit repaired or reconditioned

**V
O
R** reliability unquestioned

(50859/P/VEH)

Ford D Series Tow Truck,
MoT exempt, £500

Swan neck tow bar
+ axle clamp for Bedford
coaches, £150

Tel. Richard 01908 510382
Fax. 510301

(56824/VEH)

WIPER MOTORS

WIPER MOTORS, electric/air, heater
motors, remanufactured and new, all
types spindles, arms, fitting service, 24
hour service. **Neoline Windscreens**
Wiper Products, Unit 1, Birdingbury
Road, Marton, Nr Rugby CV23 9RX.
Tel: 01926 633256 Fax: 01926 632600.

(52824/P/VEH)

COACH AND BUS WEEK

Classified Deadlines

| | |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| Booking | TUESDAY 1600 |
| Bookings requiring Proofs | MONDAY 1200 |
| Cancellation | MONDAY 1200 |

Coach and Bus Week ending 17 June 1995

Drinkmaster

SALES EXECUTIVE = £18k OTE PLUS CAR SOUTH EAST ENGLAND

We are the market leader in the UK for the supply of hot drinks to the Coach Market. Our unique systems and high quality drinks mean that we are continuing our high growth levels and are now looking to expand our specialist team. Experience in the Coach Market is essential as are a mature attitude and an appetite for very hard work.

Send detailed CV in confidence to Shirley Schultz,
Coach Manager, Drinkmaster Ltd., Plymouth Road,
Liskeard, Cornwall PL14 3PG.

(56738/APP)

OPERATIONS/GENERAL MANAGER

required to operate medium sized coach operation in South Hertfordshire. This position is challenging and rewarding and has excellent career opportunities.

Sound knowledge, experience, staff management and legal requirements essential.

*Apply in first instance to
Box No. 56539*

Coach & Bus Week
Wentworth House, Wentworth Street,
Peterborough, PE1 1DS

(56549/APP)

INVITING TENDERS?

If you want to ensure the bus and coach industry provides YOUR COMPANY with the most cost effective and competitive quotes, while providing the best possible service, Coach & Bus Week will:

- ★ Put your tender in front of over 6,700 Senior Management/Directors in the industry
- ★ Ensure you will receive the best selection of quotes available
- ★ Give the best chance of good quality response



The ONLY Choice for tenders
To place your advertisement or for
further information
Please contact CBW on
01733 898111



ADVERTISING & PUBLICATIONS

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY SURVEYORS DEPARTMENT

TENDER FOR LOCAL BUS SERVICES IN ALDERSHOT, FARNBOROUGH AND FLEET

1. **Name, address, telegraphic address, telephone, telex and fax number of the contracting authority.**
HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
COUNTY SURVEYOR
THE CASTLE
SO23 8UD WINCHESTER
Tel: 01962 846850 Fax: 01962 877084
2. **Category of service and description. CPC reference number.**
Local bus services.
3. **Place of delivery.**
In the town and environs of Aldershot, Farnborough and Fleet in Hampshire.
4. a) **Indication of whether the execution of the service as reserved by law, regulation or administrative provision to a particular profession.**
N/A
- b) **Reference of the law, regulation or administrative provision.**
N/A
- c) **Indication whether legal persons should indicate the names and professional qualifications of the staff to be responsible for the execution of the service.**
Services must be provided under the terms of the 1985 Transport Act and can only be operated by companies complying with the legal and operational requirements of the relevant Traffic Commissioner.
5. **Indication of whether the service provider can tender for a part of the services concerned.**
Services will be tendered individually, although tenderers will have the opportunity to submit combination bids as necessary.
6. **Envisaged number or range of service providers which will be invited to tender.**
Around 50 local bus operators are normally invited to tender for these services.
7. **Where applicable, non-acceptance of variants.**
Tenderers will be able to submit alternative tenders to the service detail issues, provided that they generally comply with the specifications set down by HCC.
8. **Duration of contract, or time limit for completion of the service.**
Contracts will generally operate from 2 January 1996 to 31 December 1998.
9. **Where applicable, the legal form to be assumed by the grouping of service providers winning the contract.**
Joint and several liability.
10. a) **Where applicable, justification for the use of the accelerated procedure.**
N/A
- b) **Final date for the receipt of requests to participate.**
17 July 1995.
- c) **Address to which they must be sent.**
As in 1 above.
- d) **Language(s) in which they must be drawn up.**
English.
11. **Final date for the dispatch of invitations to tender.**
9 August 1995.
12. **Where applicable, any deposits and guarantees required.**
Nil.
13. **Information concerning the service provider's own position, and the information and formalities necessary for an appraisal of the minimum economic and technical standards required of him.**
Certificate of Registration issued by the relevant Traffic Commissioner.
14. **Criteria for the award of the contract and, if possible, their order of importance if these are not stated in the invitation to tender.**
The County Council is not bound to accept the lowest or any tender. The basis for comparison of tenders will be to secure the required services by means of the cost-effective and economic use of funds available to the County Council. Consideration will also be given to the fares and quality standards offered by Contractors.
15. **Other information.**
16. **Date of dispatch of this notice.**
08 June 1995.
17. **Date of receipt of the notice by the Office for Official Publications of the European Communities.**

(56791/TEN)

Which ever way you look at it



Excellence from Berkhof

LIMITED
NUMBER
OF
NEW
COACHES
AVAILABLE
FROM
STOCK



A — V — E
BERKHOF

Coldborough House, Market Street, Bracknell, Berkshire RG12 1JA
Tel: 01344 861787 Fax: 01344 860780